

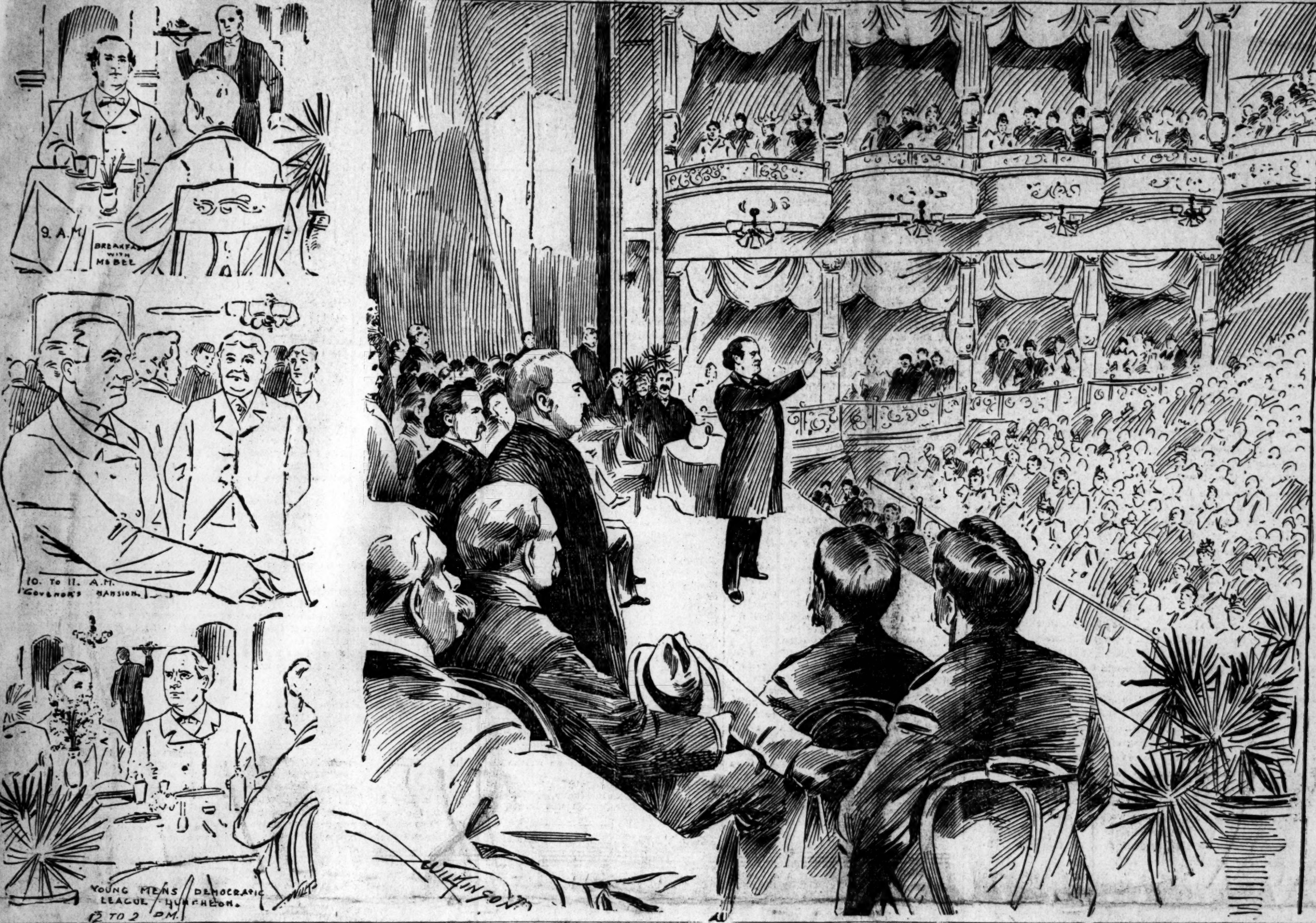
# THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.

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## HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN MAKES HIS DEBUT AS A LECTURER



### MR. BRYAN SPOKE HERE LAST NIGHT

He Begins His Lecture Tour at the  
Grand Opera House.

GREAT CROWD HEARD HIM

Nebraska Greeted by an Enthusiastic  
Audience.

HAL LEWIS INTRODUCED MR. BRYAN

Lecturer Touched on the Money Question—He Elucidated on the  
Equality Among Men.

Hon. W. J. Bryan faced a large and brilliant audience at the Grand opera house last night, when he opened the series of addresses which he had contracted to deliver. The lower part of the house was completely sold out and men stood in the aisles more than half way round the house. The boxes were filled with handsomely dressed people, the stage accommodated a hundred or more, the balcony was well filled and the top gallery contained more people than are usually to be found before a lecturer. It was a big house. A great many more seats could have been sold if there had been more doors down stairs. People were there who had traveled long distances expressly to hear Mr. Bryan, for his fame as an orator had spread to the remotest parts of the country. The assembly was not composed altogether of advocates of Mr. Bryan's political views. Many who had voted against him were there to hear him. They did not go expecting a political speech, for it had been repeatedly announced that he would not make a partisan address. But, as Mr. Lewis remarked in presenting the distinguished Nebraskan to the audience, he had struck a blow which would sound round the globe.

After the body of the house was filled the overflow poured in on the stage where chairs had been placed. As well-known citizens appeared the audience cheered. President Robert L. Berner, of the state senate, and Speaker H. S. Jenkins, of the house, were among the first to appear. Major Livingston Mims was cheered when he entered. And at last Governor Atkinson and Mr. Hal T. Lewis came out with the speaker of the night. The band played "Dixie" and "Auld Lang Syne" while the trio was getting seats.

Governor Atkinson presented Mr. Lewis, who introduced Mr. Bryan. Mr. Lewis paid Mr. Bryan many great compliments. These caused a very great expression to chase away the friendly smiles from the features of the orator. Mr. Lewis referred to him as the greatest of American living orators—one whose name would go down in history; the irreproachable citizen and patriotic statesman. It was eloquently delivered and was heartily applauded.

A Great Demonstration.  
As Mr. Bryan rose to speak in response to the introduction, his figure assumed an erect position and all who looked squarely into his face saw that it was stamped with strong character. It was an interesting face to everyone. The eyes were keen

and kindly; the forehead high and striking, decisive and firm. The applause came thundering from all over the house. The balcony and the peanut were especially demonstrative. From away up there on the main floor, the speaker must have looked like a small man. His voice was clear and he easily filled the great house. He began by denying some of Mr. Lewis's soft impeachment as to his eloquence. The best introduction which he ever had was made in simple language, he said. It was in Illinois, where he was one time introduced with the statement that "Mr. O'Bryan will now speak." "It is a very hard matter to live up to such a standard as that set by Mr. Lewis," said Mr. Bryan.

Only once or twice was there anything witty in Mr. Bryan's address. He stated that he had intended to be eloquent, but on this occasion his friend, Mr. Lewis, had indulged in so much that he felt relieved of any necessity for giving the audience more. Then he told the incident of the unpretentious introduction, and he stated that he was compelled to tell it in order to bring his audience down within reach. "The Ancient Landmarks" was Mr. Bryan's subject. He spoke one hour, treating of government, its uses and abuses, and suggested methods of improving the present system. He attacked trusts, unequal taxation and the use of money in politics. There was nothing in the address to offend anyone. It was extremely conservative, and could have been delivered all the way across the continent without being resented by anyone. The financial question was alluded to in an indefinite way, and there was nothing in Mr. Bryan's remarks to indicate whether he was a goldbug or a silver advocate. He was extremely cautious, and this appeared to handicap him. Bryan, the lecturer, was a different man from Bryan, the politician. Now he was bent on instructing, and he was avoiding the appearance of partisanship. His points sank deep into the minds of his hearers. He did not attempt flights of oratory, but spoke in a tone which was almost conversational at times. He was dignified throughout. The body of the address being serious, Bryan, the campaigner, is a different man. Then there are comments from the audience, which put him on his mettle, and he is quick as lightning on repartee. This feature of his recent speaking tour was missing, and it must have seemed rather quiet to him.

The address was deeply interesting from beginning to finish. The whole speech, in a measure, led up to the keynote in the conclusion—we plant the fruit which we do not expect to enjoy.

The tree to which he referred was certain ideas implanted during the last campaign. Some day another may pluck them and enjoy them. Once or twice Mr. Bryan made reference to his defeat, but he spoke in a very matter of fact, resigned way. He declared that he believed the campaign would result in the purification of politics.

The speeches by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Bryan are given below.

### CONSTRUING TILDEN'S WILL JUDGE BECKMAN SAYS THE RESIDUARY TRUST IS ILLEGAL.

Mrs. Felton's Gifts Violate the Statute Against Perpetuities—Does Not Affect Miss Stauffer.

New York, December 23.—Justice Beckman, in the supreme court, has handed down a decision arising out of an action brought by the executors of the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden for a construction of certain clauses in the will, in which he holds that further trusts created by the estate are invalid.

After the decision that the residuary trust was illegal by the court of appeals, and after Mrs. Felton, the testator's sister, had given most of her share to the founding of the library in this city, a contingent fund of \$50,000 was created to carry out the clauses of the will with respect to the establishment of free libraries at New Lebanon and Yonkers, \$100,000 having been left for each of these purposes.

Justice Beckman says that both of these trusts are open to the fatal objection that they violate the statute against perpetuities. These attempted dispositions are, therefore, void, and the plaintiffs rest under no duty with respect to them.

On the question as to whether the trustees have the right to change the investment of the \$100,000 bonds which the testator left to Miss Marie Calisto Stauffer, of New Orleans, Justice Beckman holds that they have no such power.

In conclusion, the court says: "Mr. Tilden would undoubtedly have acted differently could he have appreciated that his scheme for a large public library in this city would have been defeated, but the court cannot now undertake to devise a scheme which will supply the deficiency or make another will for Mr. Tilden."

### WILL GO ON CHRISTMAS STRIKE Conductors and Motormen on a Boston Railway To Quit Work.

Boston, Mass., December 23.—A strike has been ordered of the conductors and motormen on the West End street railway, to take effect at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The firemen, pitmen and others employed in the power stations have agreed to stand by the conductors and motormen. It is understood that the cause is the refusal of the officers of the company to recognize the union organization.

The men are said to be the best paid street railway men in the country.

### FORCED HIS WIFE TO BE FALSE Wilson Made Her Tell a Secret—Later He Attempted Suicide.

Charlotte, N. C., December 23.—(Special.) Austin Wilson, by threats of cutting her throat, compelled his wife to divulge a secret that had been entrusted to her.

A warrant was issued for his arrest and last night he drank two bottles of laudanum in an attempt to commit suicide.

He may recover.

### LIL GOES TO BOSTON

Ex-Ruler of Hawaii Passes Through Atlanta This Morning.

WAS ASLEEP IN A PULLMAN

She Declines To Be Interviewed but Issues a Statement.

SAYS SHE IS HERE FOR PLEASURE

Ex-Queen Will Visit Relatives in Boston and May Go To Europe from That Place.

While all Atlanta slept this morning at 3 o'clock a real ex-queen passed through the city. At that hour ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of the Hawaiian islands, arrived on a Pullman attached to the Atlanta and West Point limited mail train, and her car was immediately transferred to the Southern railroad Washington train, which carried the queen on her journey north.

The ex-queen was asleep as she passed through the city, and the few Atlantians who walked at the depot in the hope of catching a glimpse of the ex-ruler of the prosperous islands in the Pacific were denied that satisfaction.

The queen was due to arrive at 11:40 o'clock, but the West Point was late, and it was something over three hours when her majesty arrived within the borders of the city.

The ex-queen is on her way to Washington, New York and Boston, and in the latter place she will visit relatives. She will be entertained in the New England metropolis and will be shown marked attention while there. She will stop off at Washington, and perhaps New York and other places, on her way to Boston, and she is certain to be the center of attraction wherever she goes in the United States.

Although forced to retire to private life, the ex-ruler is still a world-wide figure of interest, and much importance is attached to her visit to this country, although herself and friends declare that there is no political significance to the visit. She has declined to be interviewed during her trip, and her friend, Mr. Joseph Helehu, of Hawaii, receives newspaper men and callers on the ex-queen.

Ex-Queen Repudiates an Interview.  
The ex-queen was incensed yesterday by learning of the publication of what purported to be an interview with her in a newspaper, and she caused the doors to her stateroom to be locked and kept fastened all during the trip from New Orleans.

The passengers and railroad men said she had left her room but few times during the long trip, and that all efforts by newspaper men and callers along the route to see her were futile. She authorized her manager to make the following statement for her to any who inquired as to her health and the purpose of her visit to the United States:

"It is all a mistake. I was never spoken with at Houston. Can you wonder at my diffidence in meeting newspaper men, when they insist on putting words into my mouth I never utter. I am sure that you will appreciate my position. I am nothing but a deposed queen. I cannot talk about my

country or its future, for fear that what I might say will be distorted. I have lived since the revolution in absolute retirement and have taken little heed of public matters. What my future movements may be is something that I cannot now declare, for I do not know. I am in the hands of my friends. I am going to Boston to meet the relatives of my late husband and do not know whether I shall go to Europe or not. Everything depends upon what my friends decide."

### The Queen and Her Party

The ex-queen in fifty-six years old. She is said to be rapidly turning gray, which fact is attributable to her great troubles of recent years. Her friend, Mr. Helehu, says she ex-queen is in the best of health and that she is enjoying her visit to this country immensely.

Liliuokalani is accompanied by Mrs. E. Graham, of Hawaii, a friend of the visitor, and Mr. Helehu and Mrs. Nahaolelua, a native of Hawaii. Mrs. Graham is said to be a woman of great personal attraction and mental accomplishments.

Liliuokalani is described as being a well-to-do woman of fifty-six, abundant gray hair, medium height and stout build. Her complexion is said to be of a fine tint, and her companion says she is looking exceedingly well. She wore a handsome dark traveling costume yesterday, and maintained the strictest secrecy and queenly bearing during the day, as she has all during the trip across the continent. The ex-queen speaks English fluently, and she is said to be a woman of considerable education, gained at the English schools during her father's reign as king of Hawaii.

Liliuokalani and party left New Orleans yesterday morning and traveled via the Louisville and Nashville to Montgomery, where they took the Atlanta and West Point for Atlanta. She will arrive in Washington tonight.

Mrs. Graham Talks.  
Mrs. Graham was seen by a representative of The Constitution while the party were in Montgomery last night, and to him she said:

"The queen is on a pleasure trip. Her visit has no political significance whatever. We shall visit Washington and Boston, where the queen will visit friends. Our programme further than Boston is uncertain. We may cross the Atlantic. Our visit has no reference to Hawaiian politics. It is not true that Queen Lil is here to see President Cleveland. She is traveling solely for recreation and pleasure."

"The queen speaks English fluently and perfectly. She is an accomplished scholar in several languages, and is a musician of wonderful proficiency. I doubt if there exists a rarer more accomplished in fine arts or letters than our ex-queen. She is personally a refined and lovable woman, and has the presence of a queen."

### ATTACKED THEIR EMPLOYER. Bloody Affray on a Mexican Ranch in Which Two Men Were Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., December 23.—A special from Guadalajara, Mexico, says particulars have been received there of a desperate affray at the ranch of Juan Vidrio, in that state.

Vidrio had trouble with some of his employes a few days ago and thirty of them attacked him. He was seriously wounded by the first volley of shots, but took refuge in his residence and fired on his assailants, killing two of them and wounding seven others badly.

Twenty members of the mob had been arrested and will probably be shot.

### HAD A REMARKABLE CAREER

DEATH OF A MAN WHO ONCE HAD CHARGE OF SOUTHERN GOLD.

Made Successful Trip with It and Had a Narrow Escape from Being Buried Alive.

Anniston, Ala., December 23.—(Special.)—Daniel Munroe died at his home in South Anniston this afternoon from the effect of a fall two weeks ago. Mr. Munroe had had an interesting career. Just prior to the close of the war he had charge of several millions of dollars of treasure belonging to the confederacy and made a dangerous and exciting, but successful, trip with it from Montgomery, Ala., to Columbus, Ga. Several years ago he fell ill and it was thought died, but just as the coffin was being lowered into the grave, moisture was noticed on the glass front.

An examination was made, further signs of life found and it was not long until he was restored to consciousness. A few weeks later he had entirely recovered.

### WHITE FELL DEAD AT FUNERAL

Old Man Near Charlotte Dies of Heart Disease.

Charlotte, N. C., December 23.—(Special.)—James White, seventy years old, a prominent citizen of this county, attended the funeral of Mrs. T. N. Hunter this morning and during the burial suddenly fell dead. Heart disease was the cause.

### THE CLOTHES BURNED OFF HER

Death of a Negro Girl Whose Dress Caught Fire.

Anniston, Ala., December 23.—(Special.)—Sallie Shelby, a little negro girl, died this morning from injuries received yesterday afternoon, when her clothes caught on fire from a grate and burned entirely off her. Her cousin, Pearl Ellison, a young woman, who lives only a block away, had a similar accident two hours later, and it is not believed that she can recover.

### DROWNED IN CLARKE RIVER.

Were Attempting To Cross in a Skiff When It Overturned.

Paducah, Ky., December 23.—Allen Greer, aged thirty-five years; Mrs. Bud Owens, aged thirty, and her daughter Mary, aged twelve, were drowned last night in Clarke river, six miles from here.

They attempted to cross the river in a skiff, which overturned. The bodies were not recovered.

Greer made a heroic attempt to save the women, but lost his life in the effort.

### OVERWORK BRINGS ON SUICIDE.

Des Moines, Iowa, December 23.—A Sioux Falls, S. D., special to The News says Professor E. H. McKay, of the Sioux Falls university, of Des Moines, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in his room.

It is supposed that he was demented from illness and overwork.

### TRIO OF ROBBERS

MAKE A BIG HAUL

Christmas Hold-Up On the St. Louis and Kansas City Express.

EXPRESS CAR WAS NO. 13

Officials Say That the Amount of Money Was Small.

IT IS BELIEVED OTHERWISE, HOWEVER

Engine and Two Cars Were Out Loose, Carried to a Cut and Then Looted.

Kansas City, Mo., December 23.—a. m.—Train No. 8, the St. Louis and Kansas City express train, was held up near Blue Cut last night by train robbers.

The train, in charge of Conductor Nichols and Engineer Meade, left here on time at 8:45 p. m., and when the Missouri Pacific crossing, one and one-half miles east of Independence, was reached at 9:15 o'clock, three men boarded the engine and compelled the engineer and fireman to descend from their machine.

The express and baggage cars were then uncoupled from the remainder of the train and the robbers started eastward with the locomotive and two cars. The express car was in charge of Messenger Nichols.

The conductor walked back to Independence and reported the hold-up, while the brakeman and engineer started after the stolen cars, and at 1 a. m. reached them at Glendale, five miles from Independence. A special train carrying a posse of officials has just left here for the scene of the hold-up.

When the train reached the Missouri Pacific crossing, a red light was swung across the track, and when the train was brought to a standstill, the men covered the engineer and fireman with guns. Conductor Nichols came forward with his lantern to see what the trouble was, when he, too, was covered with a gun.

He was asked to pass over what funds he had, and he handed one of the men \$4. He was asked if it was the company's and he replied "No," and the bandit gave him back \$4, saying he would make an even divide. Then he was marched back and compelled to cut the baggage and express cars loose from the train.

Horace Mathews, gateman on the train, and Rear Brakeman Rodgers started down from the train to see what was the trouble, when they were ordered to get back or be shot.

The passengers were apprised of what the trouble was, and the usual scenes followed.

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SOUTH SHOWS UP  
FAR IN THE LEADGain of Exports for Ten Months of 1896  
Was \$63,000,000.

## RATE INCREASED RECENTLY

Month of October Shows an Increase  
of \$31,497,000.

## FOUR TIMES GREATER THAN OTHER PORTS

Outside of the South the Increase for  
October Amounted to \$8,000,000  
in Round Figures.

Baltimore, Md., December 23.—The Manufacturers' Record, in its weekly review of the business interests of the south, publishes detailed statements showing the value of exports from southern ports during the first ten months of 1896, as compared with the corresponding period of 1895.

These figures show a gain for the period under review of \$63,000,000, while the gain for the entire country was \$14,000,000, nearly one-half of the gain having been at southern ports.

This increase in trade from southern ports, however, has been growing at an accelerated rate during the last few months, and a comparison for the last three or four months would show a still more marked advance in the south.

This is brought out in the statement of exports for October, showing the total values from southern ports to have been \$40,250,000 against \$31,497,000 last year, a gain of \$8,000,000, while the increase in October exports from the entire country was \$3,000,000.

Thus from southern ports there was a gain for the month of \$18,000,000 against a gain from all other United States ports of only \$8,000,000.

Comparing the value of exports for the ten months of 1896 and 1895, the gains at the leading southern ports were as follows:

New Port News, \$1,000,000.  
Norfolk, \$2,500,000.  
Wilmington, \$1,200,000.  
Corpus Christi, \$1,500,000.  
Galveston, \$1,200,000.  
Mobile, \$1,700,000.  
New Orleans, \$25,000,000.  
Baltimore, \$16,000,000.  
Pensacola, \$1,900,000.

## BRUNSWICK'S NEW ALDERMAN.

## D. W. Kraus Elected To Serve Reed's Unexpired Term.

Brunswick, Ga., December 23.—(Special.)—At a council meeting tonight, D. W. Kraus was elected to fill the vacancy or unexpired term of H. W. Reed, resigned, Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem. Mason resigned, preparatory to attempting to take his seat as mayor against the contest case of Judge Crockett. Alderman Fendig was elected mayor pro tem.

## GEORGIANS IN MONTGOMERY.

## Announce the Election of Officers for Next Year.

Montgomery, Ala., December 23.—(Special.)—The Georgia society of Montgomery announces the election of the following officers for next year: McLendon, president; ex-Governor R. F. Ligon, first vice president; T. Sloan Young, second vice president; L. V. Latta, secretary; A. S. Woolfolk, treasurer; S. J. Cassels, warden. Directors: C. A. Lanier, T. G. Foster, J. S. Wilcox, J. W. A. Sanford, S. L. Alexander. The society is reported to be in a thriving condition.

## THINK THEY WILL RECONSIDER

## Walker's Remarks May Cause Richmond Business Men to Study.

Richmond, December 23.—(Special.)—The Clearing House Association of Richmond today decided to invite Congressman J. H. Walker, of Massachusetts, to address the business men of the city on needed changes in the banking system. It is understood that when Mr. Walker comes to the city, the committee did not know that yesterday Mr. Walker referred in a speech to the "poor white trash of the south."

## JOHN L. BOUGHT THE BOUQUETS

## Now the Poor Florist Wants His Money.

Boston, Mass., December 23.—John L. Sullivan was in the poor debtor court yesterday on a forty-day bill of \$25, on which judgment had been obtained. The items in the bill dated from June 19, 1893, to December 8, 1894. A deputy sheriff was given a writ of attachment, but the officer could not find that John L. had anything to attach, so he attached a chip, which fulfills the legal requirement.

## STUCK OFF SLAVES' FEET.

## One of the First Reforms of the French in Madagascar.

Washington, December 23.—Among the earliest reforms of the French government in Madagascar is a decree abolishing slavery, a copy of which has reached the state department from Consul Wetter, at Tananarive.

## EARL RUSSELL'S HOUSE BURNED

## Thought To Have Been the Work of Enemies.

London, December 23.—The residence of Earl Russell, of Maidenhead-on-Thames, was burned to the ground this morning.

## Fitzgerald's Misfortune.

From The Savannah News.  
The fire cannot be called a calamity, for the city will soon recover from its effects. In a few weeks the burned district will be covered with new buildings much better than those consumed, and the city will move onward as if nothing had happened. It would take something worse than an ordinary fire to retard Fitzgerald's progress.

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## TWO FREIGHTS MEET

Accident On the Georgia Railroad at  
Berzella.

## THIRTEEN CARS DERAILED

Fireman Downing's Ankle Sprained.  
Passenger Train Delayed by the  
Wreck—Augusta News.

Augusta, Ga., December 23.—(Special.)—There was a head-end collision between freight No. 26 and 27 tonight, on the Georgia railroad, at Berzella. The down freight from Atlanta had orders to stop at Harlem for the up freight to pass, but came on to Berzella and the collision resulted.

Fireman Jack Downing, in jumping from the engine, got a badly sprained ankle, but the others escaped without injuries. The two engines were badly damaged and thirteen cars were derailed and some of them damaged. The fast train from Atlanta, due in Augusta at 9:30, was delayed by the wreck, and the passengers at the wreck.

Miss Schindler, the superintendent of the hospital, has tendered her resignation in view of the recent charges that have been made against her in the papers. It has not yet been acted upon.

Freight Train Smith, an old negro woman living on upper Broad street, had a fit and fell in the fire, and was dangerously burned before discovered and pulled out of the flames.

## EX-CONGRESSMAN HATCH DEAD

## BREATHE HIS LAST AT HANNIBAL, MO., LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Hatch Passed Away While Unconscious and Without Pain, Surrounded by His Family.

Hannibal, Mo., December 23.—Ex-Congressman William H. Hatch died at 10 o'clock this evening. He was unconscious.

He was born in 1833, and was educated at Lexington and admitted to the practice of law in 1854. He shortly removed to Missouri and in 1858 was elected attorney general of the state. He served in the confederate army as captain and assistant adjutant general during the war and did splendid service.

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## BRITAIN'S MINERAL INDUSTRY.

## The Output of Her Mines Last Year Reached \$45,000,000.

The general report upon the mineral industry of the United Kingdom during last year is issued as a blue book. The total number of persons employed at all the mines and quarries in the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man was 838,282, of whom 738,607 were employed at mines and 104,675 at quarries. The value of coal raised was \$28,780,179 in 1894, as compared with \$28,780,179 in 1893, a decrease of \$2,363 in Yorkshire and 1,238 in the Midlands.

## SEE HAS A COUNT FOR HUSBAND

## Mrs. May, of California, Marries Count Dandigne in Paris.

Paris, December 23.—The marriage of Count Louis Dandigne, of Paris, to Mrs. Frederick May, of California, was celebrated in the chapel of the papal nuncio in this city at noon today.

## Forecast for Today.

Eastern Florida—Fair; westerly winds; probably colder in northern portion Thursday night.

Western Florida—Fair; winds shifting to westerly.

Alabama—Fair, followed by increasing cloudiness; colder in northern portion Thursday night; variable winds.

Mississippi and Louisiana—Fair, followed by showers; in northern portion; colder winds shifting to northerly.

Eastern Texas—Fair; easterly winds; northerly winds.

Tennessee and Kentucky—Increasing cloudiness; probably local snows by Thursday night; colder in western portion; northerly winds.

North Carolina—Generally fair and colder; northerly winds.

South Carolina—Fair; colder in northern portion; northerly winds.

Georgia—Fair; colder in northern portion; variable winds.

## Progress in Rome.

From The Rome Tribune.

Every year the tide of development reaches higher and every year the spirit of progress takes a firmer hold upon the people. They have gotten out of the old ruts and are moving upward and onward to higher accomplishments every year.

The fields are better cultivated and yield more generous harvests, new buildings are taking the place of the old, and the streets are signs of improvement are apparent everywhere.

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## SHAKEN BY THE HAND

Recognition of the Greater Republic of  
Central America.

## OLNEY PRESENTS THE ENVOY

Speech of President Cleveland in  
Greeting Rodriguez.

## HOPED FOR CLOSEST TIES OF FRIENDSHIP

What This Confederation Is a Precursor of the Consolidation of All  
Central American States.

Washington, December 23.—President Cleveland this afternoon formally recognized the new greater republic of Central America, composed of Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras, by receiving the envoy of the diet of the new government—Mr. J. D. Rodriguez, Luis P. Corea, as his attaché, J. D. Rodriguez, Jr., Secretary Olney presented the Central Americans, who were attended in full evening dress.

Minister Rodriguez was for a time in Washington ten years ago, as agent for Nicaragua in a boundary dispute with Costa Rica, which the president decided as arbitrator.

The envoy, in a brief address, presented his credentials, to which the president replied as follows:

"Mr. Minister: I take pleasure in recognizing in the name of the United States of America the great republic of Central America, and in entering into diplomatic relations therewith. Such recognition is given and such relations entered upon in the full understanding that the responsibility of each of those republics to the United States of America remain wholly unaffected."

"I discern in the articles of association from which the diet derives its powers a step toward a closer union of Central American states in the interest of their common defense and general welfare, and I welcome each of those republics to the United States of America as one nation for the purpose of their foreign relations and intercourse."

"To you I extend a cordial greeting, both personal and official, and I trust that your renewed residence at the capital of this country will be as agreeable in its personal relations as I believe it will be useful and profitable for each of the republics you represent. Between each of which and the United States has always existed, and it is hoped will always exist the closest ties of friendship."

The president expressed hope that the new republic would soon include Costa Rica and Guatemala.

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## BAD HEALTH FORCED HIM

Succeeded by Billups Phinley—Death  
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the Colleges and Other News.

## HOPED FOR CLOSEST TIES OF FRIENDSHIP

What This Confederation Is a Precursor of the Consolidation of All  
Central American States.

Washington, December 23.—President Cleveland this afternoon formally recognized the new greater republic of Central America, composed of Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras, by receiving the envoy of the diet of the new government—Mr. J. D. Rodriguez, Luis P. Corea, as his attaché, J. D. Rodriguez, Jr., Secretary Olney presented the Central Americans, who were attended in full evening dress.

Minister Rodriguez was for a time in Washington ten years ago, as agent for Nicaragua in a boundary dispute with Costa Rica, which the president decided as arbitrator.

The envoy, in a brief address, presented his credentials, to which the president replied as follows:

"Mr. Minister: I take pleasure in recognizing in the name of the United States of America the great republic of Central America, and in entering into diplomatic relations therewith. Such recognition is given and such relations entered upon in the full understanding that the responsibility of each of those republics to the United States of America remain wholly unaffected."

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The president expressed hope that the new republic would soon include Costa Rica and Guatemala.

## TRIO OF ROBBERS

## MAKE A BIG HAUL

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lowed. Some of the women became hysterical.

Express officials here say the run of money was light, but they had a very heavy run of freight. The safe contained only three small packages of jewelry.

The baggage car was numbered 13, and contained the baggage of the Black Crook company, which recently stranded in this city. When the train had passed Glenwood the express car was entered and looted.

The engine was then cut loose from the cars and ran a mile further on, where it was abandoned, and the robbers took to the timber.

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## MACRO AMBUSHED

Havana Cubans Convinced of the Great  
Leader's Death.

## TREACHERY OF ZERTUCHA

Grijuela Compliments Him in a Speech  
at Punta Brava.

## ANOMADA PREPARED THE FATAL SLAUGHTER

Pierce Onslaught of Maceo's Men Prevented Spaniards from Carrying  
Off His Dead Body.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., December 23.—The few Cub



MR. BRYAN MEETS  
TRUE DEMOCRATSEntertained at Noon by the Dem-  
ocratic Association.

## MAKES A STIRRING SPEECH

Says That He Does Not Wish To Be  
Considered a Candidate in 1900.

## WARM WELCOME WAS GIVEN HIM

Governor Atkinson, Mayor King, Mr.  
Hoke Smith, Mr. Clark Howell  
and Others Speak—Inter-  
esting Sentiments Ex-  
pressed at Banquet.The luncheon tendered Mr. Bryan yester-  
day by the Young Men's Democratic League  
was the most notable event of the day.After breakfasting in the private dining  
room with Captain Bunch McCallie and sev-  
eral friends, Mr. Bryan was driven to the  
executive mansion, where he talked with  
Governor Atkinson until just before noon.  
The governor read the resolution of the  
house of representatives and the senate  
inviting and welcoming Mr. Bryan to Georgia."I am always given a hearty welcome in  
Georgia," said the Nebraskaan. "I feel more  
attached to this state than any outside  
of my own. There is an atmosphere  
of cordiality and southern hospitality here  
which I like."In the meantime the members of the  
democratic league who were to meet  
Mr. Bryan had assembled in the parlors  
of the Kimball.Shortly after 12 Mr. Bryan walked in,  
escorted by President Mallard and Mr. Jack  
Spaulding, who had been mainly instrumen-  
tal in arranging for the dining. Mr. Bryan  
stood under the arch of the double doors  
and spoke to his friends whom he  
had met in Chicago. It was a notable fact  
that nearly all members of the Georgia  
delegation which attended the Chicago con-  
vention were at the Kimball to meet Mr.  
Bryan.There were others, too, from all parts of  
the state.

Meets Mr. Smith.

Awaiting Mr. Bryan was Former Secre-  
tary of the Interior John Smith. He gave  
the Nebraskaan a cordial greeting, and the  
two chatted together for a few minutes.Hon. Clark Howell was among the last  
to come up. Mr. Bryan's cheerful smile  
grew larger. It was the first time he had  
seen Mr. Howell since the memorable scene  
of the Chicago convention. Yesterday the  
two graced hands were clasped in a firm  
grip for a few minutes the events which trans-  
pired since their last meeting.It was nearly 1 o'clock when those who  
had been invited to meet Mr. Bryan filed  
into the breakfast hall of the Kimball,  
where the luncheon had been prepared.About the table sat: Governor W. Y. At-  
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Blue Points. Cocktails. Olives.  
Salted Almonds. Celery. Broiled Salmon. Mackerel.  
a la Maitre d'Hotel.  
Fommes Parisienne.  
Croquettes de Volaille a la Gasconne.  
Sherry.French Peas. Roman Punch.  
Quail Parades a la Richelieu.  
Champagne.  
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same mission of welcoming Mr. Bryan to  
Georgia. Since his first welcome many  
things had happened to bring the Nebraska-  
an out as the greatest democrat. He was  
glad to offer him another welcome to At-  
lanta.President Mallard introduced Governor  
Atkinson, who welcomed Mr. Bryan in  
behalf of the state."It gives me great pleasure," he said, "to  
welcome to this state a man who represents  
the true principles of our party; a man  
who represents the best interests of our  
country, morally and intellectually; the  
leader not only in 1896, but in 1890. Speak-  
ing for the great issue of bimetalism, I  
say that we have here a leader whom we  
can trust; speaking for the democracy,  
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can trust. It will conquer. It shall con-  
quer. I welcome you, Mr. Bryan, once more  
to Georgia."

Mayor King's Welcome.

In behalf of the city Mayor King wel-  
comed Mr. Bryan. He said:  
"I am proud, as the mayor of the Empire  
City of the South, to welcome here this  
Prince Rupert among men."Mayor King delivered a telling tribute to  
Mr. Bryan's personal life and character of Mr.  
Bryan."He has carried our cause almost to  
victory," he said. "The applause of nations  
has been his. He has led the great  
west to the summits of the Appalachians.  
I have heard Mr. Bryan when the senti-  
ment of the poet was stirred. The last time  
I heard him speak was in Milledgeville sur-  
rounded by the beauty of Georgia girls.  
I have now the pleasure to hear him once  
more, and I offer him, in my humble way,  
the warmest welcome to Atlanta." (Great  
applause.)The house shook with applause when Mr.  
Bryan rose to respond.

Mr. Bryan's Speech.

The utterances of Mr. Bryan at the  
banquet were more important than his  
lectures last night. The last was of a formal  
and studied nature. At the banquet he was  
surrounded by a crowd of fellow demo-  
crats, most of them representing the same  
principles for which he had fought, most  
of them offering their support in case he  
undertook to start another campaign.Mr. Bryan spoke in a natural way of  
victory. He did not break into any emotional  
flights; he did not attempt any high out-  
bursts of oratory. What he said was de-  
livered in an earnest, sincere way that  
here to Atlanta three years ago when we  
were gathered here at about the same  
time and I see about the same faces that  
greeted me then. At that time I met  
you, Mr. Bryan, and you were not yet placed  
in such a high station of command. I then  
met Mr. King, before he was mayor, also  
Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Clark Howell, whose  
principles for the democracy I recognize and  
appreciate. Since that time many events have  
transpired, but I wish to assure the people  
of this state that I have found in their  
kindness and their hospitality. I want to  
say that if I believed half the good things  
that were said about me I would be  
so proud of myself that I would not take  
them to heart. I have found in you, when  
I hear what has been said about me of a  
complimentary nature, I attribute it to  
the strength of the cause which I have ad-  
vocated for which I have been so long and  
strong in the cause for the people of this  
great country have been fighting.The only thing that worries me is  
that I should not be able to do it. I want  
good will for those assembled and others  
who have offered to me their entire friend-  
ship. I say that I am troubled lest I should  
mislead you, and I say that I have found  
in you that if I make an error it will not be  
of a premeditated kind.

Mr. Bryan's Views.

"I did not espouse new views because I  
was nominated. Three years ago when I  
came through here—a stranger in a strange  
land, and a man who had never before  
advocated the same principles for which  
we have fought and for which we shall still  
fight. I want to say to you that while the  
principles which I have advocated are the  
same, yet it has been the test question.  
We found in the campaign that we had  
to fight not only the goldbugs, but all ene-  
mies of the people, and I have found in  
you that if I make an error it will not be  
of a premeditated kind.I will say this, my friends," he contin-  
ued, "that if you study how the contest  
was waged here, and how the people under-  
stand just what we had to contend  
against. You have seen feeling aroused  
in the campaign through which we have  
just passed. I do not think of the campaign  
which the people have been aroused to the  
sense of their own situation. They have  
called up to you the question of taxation  
and schedules, but the question is the  
question as to whether the people of America  
shall have a voice in this issue, or whether  
the money king shall have the hopes of  
the masses. (Loud applause.)

Felt Like an Apology.

"But I must conclude—" "Go on," came  
from all about the table.  
Mr. Bryan hesitated for awhile.  
"I have come here," he said, "in a kind  
of non-partisan sense. I am not expected  
to say anything but what is strictly prop-  
er, and I feel that I have a right to resist  
the temptation to tell what I think of  
the condition of affairs."I feel like offering an apology to you  
for my presence here. In this town, where  
are some things I would say that I could  
not say in any other way. I want you to  
feel that I have a higher ambition than  
to be elected president of the United States.  
I'll tell you, my friends, I don't want  
to be considered a candidate for  
president of the United States. I don't  
care to sit on the stool and behave myself  
for four years.



Verbatim Report of the Great Orator's Speech, Delivered for the  
First Time At the Grand Last Night, and Which  
Was Heard by a Tremendous Audience.

come all principles which must be used in determining if they are bad. Out of that principle of equality comes this principle which I desire to impress upon the minds of every listener, and that is that if all men are created equal, then no citizen has a natural right to injure any other citizen (applause); and if no citizen has a natural right to injure another citizen, then a good gov-

another, or hitting another with a club, but that government should protect every citizen from injuring any other citizen in any way, directly or indirectly. And there are indirect methods which are more potent today for evil than are the direct methods of injury. More potent for evil because they grow up unnoticed, until they become so strong that it becomes a question whether the abuse can be

The Finns were at first the Fenns, or men, who dwelt in the marshes north of the Baltic sea. They were conquered by Russians in the twelfth century.

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## They Continue to Agitate.

The William Street Reform Club, which through some of its members, is depicting further agitation of the silver question, has, through others of its members, begun to make arrangements to renew the agitation. Thus, while newspapers like The New York Evening Post are declaiming loudly against "agitation of the silver question," Mr. Lawrence E. Sexton is sending out circulars to the newspapers of the country announcing that he has perfected arrangements for the renewal of the agitation on a larger scale than has heretofore been attempted.

The Evening Post cries: "Let us have peace on the money question," and Mr. Sexton, by means of private circulars, informs the various editors and publishers of the country that the reform club proposes to keep up the fight for the gold standard by means of plate metal and pot metal. As a means of bribing the weekly editors, and of lending an air of munificence to the scheme, the reform club announces that "during this winter and spring," they will probably issue a page of gold standard arguments every three weeks, and they offer these plates, free of cost, to any newspaper which is impudently enough to believe in the free coinage of pot metal, but which yet has a sufficient income to pay the cost of transportation.

As an evidence of good faith the reform club encloses a proof of one of its plate pages, as a guarantee of good faith, and in order that all would-be pot-metal lists may see the character of the goods. The scheme is an entrancing one, and the hope is that a great many weekly papers will feel like taking advantage of the benevolence of the reform club.

Be that as it may, we call the attention of The Evening Post, The Boston Herald and all those organs of the gold standard, which are crying out so lustily for peace on the money question, that this movement of the reform club pot-metalists is not only agitation in itself, but will result in the active renewal of the discussion.

We are quite willing to agree with those who regard the renewal of the discussion as untimely and unnecessary, but when the reform club declares its purpose to continue the fight "until the ranks of the free silver and flat money forces are so thin that they will not be a barrier to industry and prosperity," it issues a challenge to those who stand for 6,000,000 voters that is sure to be taken up. Consequently those who are in favor of remitting this discussion to a later period would do well to put a strong curb on the pot-metalists of the reform club.

The Constitution is not at all in favor of the discussion at this time, for a majority of the people have declared that they are willing to submit to the results of the gold standard until the republicans shall have an opportunity to redeem the pledges they have made and restore prosperity.

And this is what the country is waiting for—prosperity. It is waiting for the republicans to open the mills to labor and set the wheels of industry in motion. It is waiting for the republicans to raise prices and wages so that general business may thrive, as it was beginning to thrive in 1892.

The only way for the reform club to make the ranks of the silver men "thin" is to use its influence with the republicans in congress and urge them to go ahead with the work of redeeming the pledges of their party and thereby bring about a restoration of prosperity. What-ever these able reformers may think of the matter, we assure them that the gold standard, which they are still agitating for, (though they have it already) will not survive the failure of the republican party to restore prosperity. Consequently they are simply wasting money by pushing forward at this time their scheme of pot-metalism.

But what is stronger of all, is the spectacle presented by those members of the reform club who are also members of congress. They are holding back and trying hard to prevent the republicans from carrying out their contract with the people. And yet they must know, if they are men of intelligence, that the only way to "decrease the number of free coinage advocates" is to demonstrate to the people by means of prompt republican legislation that they can have prosperity under the single gold standard.

Speaking for the free coinage men, The Constitution would be glad to see the republicans restore prosperity. If they can perform that feat—and they have entered into a contract with the people to do so—they will be no need

for the reform club to become the active agent of pot-metalism. There will be no need of sending out plate metal "thin" the ranks of the free coinage forces. There will be no such forces to convert or attack. They will melt away under the influence of prosperity, and be heard of no more; for the return of general and substantial prosperity under the gold standard will be a practical demonstration that the money question is not at the root of the evils that the people have been compelled to endure during the past few years. The silver men will gladly accept the results of such a test.

The reform club is engaging in the scheme of pot-metalism on the ground that there is "great need of education on the fundamental principles of money and currency." But what the people want is an object lesson. They are tired of arguments, theories, assertions and assumptions. They want to see the republicans restore prosperity. They want to see the mills opened to labor, the wheels of industry humming, the farmers getting good prices and laborers good wages. These results will be a complete answer to the arguments of the silver men; but they are the only answer the people will accept.

**Negro Education in the South.**  
Instead of entreating the New England beavers with their familiar platitudes in regard to the negro race in the south Professor Booker T. Washington is engaged in delivering a series of lectures in that section of the country which are marvellous of practical sagacity.

Without aiming at effect he deals with his subject in a straight-forward and business-like manner. There is nothing plaintive or sophomoric about his style, and every one who hears him is impressed with his extreme earnestness. On this account his lectures are beginning to yield substantial results throughout the south.

In upholding the attitude of the southern people toward his race Professor Washington in a lecture which he delivered a few days ago at Springfield, Mass., said:

Few of you, I fear, realize what you asked the south to do immediately after the war. Returning to their destitute homes after years of disastrous war to face blasted hopes, shattered industries, systems, your southern brethren had to reorganize or create a new industrial system, to put on foot out of their poverty a system of education. You asked them to add to their own burdens and perplexities that of preparing in education, economics and citizenship within a few short years 4,000,000 of former slaves.

The foregoing paragraph not only breathes a spirit of loyalty to this section, but contains the statement of an absolute truth. In consideration of the heavy burdens which the south has borne since the war, she has done for the education of the negro all that could rightfully be expected of her.

While expressing his profound gratitude to the people of the north for the liberal manner in which they had supplemented the efforts of the south in educating the negro, Professor Washington stressed the importance of educating the race along practical lines. He declared that there were too many institutions in the south for the literary and professional education of the negro and not enough for his practical development. Said the colored educator in this connection:

Heretofore there has too much of the idea that an educated colored man must either teach, preach, be a clerk or follow a profession. Our education must, more and more, go to the farms, into the trades, start brickyards, sawmills, factories, open coal mines. They cannot afford to educate a man to conduct the forces of nature. Education within itself is nothing except as it is used in a way to make the world better and more useful. It is not a thing to be produced something. An educated man standing on the streets with his hands in his pockets is a disgrace to the world that an ignorant man doing the same things. In the present condition of our race our education for the next 50 or 100 years should be especially directed along industrial and scientific lines.

These are words of consummate wisdom, and should strongly appeal to our brethren in the north. Without disparaging the good work which the various institutions for the uplifting of the race have accomplished in our midst, it is only just to Professor Washington to commend the worthy cause in which he is engaged.

**Selling a Good Name.**  
Seldom does a more pathetic incident find its way into the daily papers than one which occurred a few days ago in the city of New York.

A middle-aged man, dressed in a shabby-genteel suit of clothes and answering to some fictitious name, was arraigned before one of the local magistrates on the charge of drunkenness. The officer of the law was about to commit the unfortunate man to the lock-up when some one in the courtroom recognized him as Edward M. Field, son of the late Cyrus V. Field, the famous promoter of the Atlantic cable. On receiving this information the magistrate, instead of committing the hapless inebriate to prison, turned him over to one of the local asylums.

Less than a dozen years ago Edward M. Field ranked among the leading business men of New York city. At the head of a well-known brokerage firm he controlled large sums of money, ranging high up into the millions, and enjoyed a reputation second to that of no other metropolitan broker. Reverses overtook the firm, however, and in the end he was ruined. He had lost his own capital but not his entire accumulations of his distinguished father. On the charge of criminal irregularity the broker was subsequently indicted by the grand jury, but pending the trial of the case it was discovered that his mind was unbalanced. He was thereupon committed to the Buffalo insane asylum for medical treatment. In this institution he remained until January, 1894, when he was delivered back to the custody of the civil authorities. On account of his mental infirmities action was not pressed against him by his creditors, and the criminal indictment was withdrawn.

Shortly after the failure and disgrace of his son the elder Field was stricken with a malady from which he never

recovered. Although he had given to the world a priceless boon in the successful completion of the Atlantic cable he derived but little consolation from his great achievement in the hour of his supreme suffering. He not only felt that his cherished hopes had been rudely dashed to the ground, but that his good name, which had been the synonym of honor for so many years, had been soiled with disgrace. It was more than one of his years could stand and he gradually failed under the burden of sorrow.

Until the appearance of Edward M. Field in court last week but little was known of his whereabouts. After his release from the asylum in 1894 he was frequently seen on Wall street in the neighborhood of his former haunts, but for the last two years his figure has not been observed in commercial circles. In the downward career of this unfortunate young man there is a valuable lesson which the youth of the land should carefully consider.

## The Hawaiian ex-Queen.

The ex-queen of the Hawaiian islands passed through Atlanta last night on her way to visit friends and relatives in Washington and Boston. She has for some time played the part of a political martyr in her native land, but has now started out on a tour which is said by some of the quidnuncs to have for its object an attempt to interest other governments in her case. Others on the contrary, aver that Queen Lili is simply traveling for pleasure.

The ex-queen was far more interesting as a supposititious martyr than she is as a tourist. As a political victim, she attracted the attention of all the world, and caused President Cleveland to fall and founder about in the deepest and most ridiculous hole that the United States government ever got into. Poor Judge Gresham was the only member of the United States who saw the folly and absurdity of the foray in behalf of the ex-queen, and, by a strange chance, he was in a position where he seemed to be pushing the matter. He was secretary of state, and had to bear much of the criticism that was directed against the blundering attempt to rescue the queen on her so-called throne. But it was Judge Gresham who, in the end, extricated Mr. Cleveland, and left the ex-queen posing as a political martyr.

She folded her hands, as it were, and remained in a state of innocuous desuetude, evidently expecting her "great and good friend" to send over an expedition of some kind and rescue her on the celestial prairie that served as a throne. Mr. Cleveland was evidently very anxious to meet the expectations of the ex-queen. He went into the matter with vigor, but gradually, Judge Gresham succeeded in extricating him.

The ex-queen may still have hopes that her "great and good friend" will come to her rescue, but the probability is strong that she has lost all hope, and is now traveling for the purpose of getting a breath of fresh air.

## A National Divorce Law.

Should our lawmakers in Washington enact a general divorce law?

On account of the extreme laxity of divorce statutes in some of the states of the union this question has become one of vital importance in the last few years. Under the present loose and imperfect system of granting divorces in this country the rigid laws which prevail in some states are completely nullified by those of others. For instance, if a man in New York or Georgia becomes dissatisfied with his wife for some trivial reason, all that he has to do is to take up his residence for a short while in one of the states of the north-west. Within a few months after emigrating he will experience the satisfaction of being once more single.

While the evils arising from the lack of uniform divorce laws is manifest to every one who has given the subject any thought, it is simply out of the question to secure a general law without first amending the constitution of the United States. At present the right to grant divorces is vested in the several states, and not until this right is surrendered to the general government can our national lawmakers enact a general law upon the subject of divorce.

In view of the startling proportions which the divorce evil has assumed in recent years, however, it is necessary that something should be done in the near future.

## France Preparing for War.

That France is apprehensive of impending warfare is evident not only from the additions she is making to her naval fleet, but also from the manner in which a proposition to reduce the term of military service to one year was voted down in the chamber of deputies a few days ago.

In opposing the measure General Billot declared that France was in no condition to admit of such a reduction in the term of military service, and that furthermore it might be necessary to cut out the army at any time to protect the national frontiers.

While no specific country was named by General Billot, it is generally understood that his allusion was to Germany. Since the recent clash between the two powers, there has never been a very close relationship between them, and France has been eager for several years to renew the contest in which she fared so badly. This desire has been very greatly strengthened since the present emperor assumed the reins of government.

France is better equipped for war at the present time than she has been in many years. Told from retaining 572,000 men in active military service she has arranged to create a trained force of 3,784,000 men between now and the close of the century. With such extensive preparations it is evident that France is determined to make a bold stroke when the time for military action arrives.

## At the Turn of the Lane.

From The Dawsonville Advertiser.  
It's a long lane that never turns, hence this section is nearing the turn of the lane—we are going to have a railroad and then we will be on the top road.

of the stock of the road up to its present standard, which is the highest it has ever reached. The legal proceedings will be watched with interest, and with the satisfaction on both sides of knowing that there is no assault on the value of the stock, which, instead of being injured by the proceedings, should be strengthened by the splendid financial condition of the company.

If Editor Godkin desires to avoid "agitation" he should collar the reform club. By the time Mr. Hanna gets through electing the right sort of republicans to the senate, he will be a very tired man.

Does the reform club suppose that its campaign of pot-metalism is to go on without creating a counter movement?

Congress should look after the naval contracts. Where there's so much smoke, there must be some fire.

## The Hawaiian ex-Queen.

Weyler has gone to the front again. He is a great man. He goes out and puts down the insurrection, returns to Havana to get a clean collar, and then goes out and puts down the insurrection again.

There seems to be a good deal of trouble among the banks of the northwest. The republicans should hasten to restore prosperity and put an end to these troubles.

There must be something wrong with the republican programme when the reform club proposes to return to the scheme of pot-metalism.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Electric railways are spreading over Europe almost as rapidly as the use of electric power is increasing even more rapidly than in this country. Germany heads the list with 235 miles of track, and next with twenty-two miles of track and next with eighty-two miles of track and next with England third with sixty-seven miles of track and 138 cable, and Switzerland fourth with twenty-two miles of track and next with six cable, Bulgaria and Denmark are the only European countries which have no electric lines. Of the various systems adopted in Europe none are operated by wires overhead and the remainder by underground currents.

The New York Herald is confident that John Sherman will be secretary of state under the next administration. If Mr. Sherman accepts the office a vacancy will be created in the United States senate which Mark Hanna will be elected to fill. Mr. Hanna is adverse to occupying a seat in the cabinet, although he has long had a yearning to do so. He is a very able man and his present position, which he has now filled for nearly thirty-two years he would not doubt readily accept the portfolio of secretary of state. Mr. McKinley, with no other position in the cabinet, however, would the veteran senator be satisfied; and, in order to create a vacancy in the senate, the plan of Major McKinley, according to The New York Herald, to offer the old senator the premiership of his cabinet.

The total cost of maintaining the federal, state and municipal governments of the United States for the year 1898 was \$18,945,055. Among the disbursements were the following: For charities, \$146,905,671; for education, \$145,538,115; for roads, bridges and canals, \$72,320,000; for the navy, \$68,000,000; for army and militia, \$35,500,000; for police, \$24,000,000; for judiciary, \$23,000,000; for prisons and reformatories, \$15,000,000.

## LEGISLATIVE SHOTS.

This is what the state of Dade News says about it:

"No matter how low taxes may be, there will always be a demand to say 'they are too high.' Although Georgia tax rate has been a reasonable one, when the legislature proposed to raise it to \$2.50 on each \$100 of property, and \$30.00 for the technological school, and \$20.00 for the normal school, the fellow who pays on about \$100 worth of property who raises the biggest howl. Our legislators at the next session should take duty had it refused these appropriations."

The Ladrone Reporter says:  
"The Georgia legislature is to be congratulated upon the helping hand she has extended to the University of Georgia in the amount of \$14,000 for postal service, a total of \$20,000. For many years the university has been badly handicapped on account of the want of funds with which to carry on her work in educating the boys of Georgia, and the attitude of the legislature is to be commended for the work it has done, and the people will be glad to appreciate the fact more and more."

The Clarksville Advertiser says of the legislature:  
"They are to be congratulated in killing many a snake in the past, but they are still alone in several instances. Some of our predecessors have had a desire to make two laws, for example, for the purpose of constitutional laws and constant vexatious changes calculated to stir up constant litigation."

Says The Brunswick Evening Advertiser:  
"The advertiser is not prepared to engage in any worry over the fact that the Georgia legislature has been so long in making a school of defeat, which has been the spirit of suspicion."

Says The Rome Tribune:  
"Senator Jeff Wilcox will organize a party to go to Cuba to look at the pineapple fields. Always to the front in fight, frolic or foot race."

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

New York Journal: The American people have not yet decided whether to be angry or amused at the tone of Spain. Neither Sen. Canovos nor any of his constituents can open his lips respecting the Cuban war and the attitude of this country toward the patriots without uttering threats which, if they came from a powerful nation, would instantly be resented.

New York World: Our is a sovereign nation. As such it has an absolute and indefeasible right to recognize the independence of any state or people whom it may deem entitled to admission to the family of nations.

Kansas City World: If Secretary Olney assured the Spanish minister at Washington that Spain might rest tranquil until the year 1910, and that the United States would look after her interests, he would be guilty of a rather violent assumption. It has not been decided whether the United States is greater than Spain or the other way around.

Memphis Commercial-Appel: If Cuba could be recognized as a sovereign nation, and given the Weyler and other bunches to understand that their barbarities must cease, it will be a great step toward civilization. Anything less would state that the case was closed.

Boston Post: Secretary Olney's position as regards the prerogative of the president is probably sound; the recognition of a foreign state is undoubtedly an executive act, as clearly as the recognition of a minister plenipotentiary or the appointment of a minister plenipotentiary of the United States.

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## JUST FROM GEORGIA.

## A Christmas Forecast.

If you're waking New Year's, waiter, do not call me waiter dear:  
For that will be the sorriest day (to me) of all the year;  
Of all the glorious year, waiter, the saddest, sorriest day.  
For bills will be calling for pay, waiter, bills will be calling for pay!

This year I bought a costly clock for wife and one for Sue:  
And a dozen set of of chinaware and silver trinkets, too;  
And presents sent to all the friends who dwell so far away;  
And the bills will be calling for pay, waiter, the bills will be calling for pay!

So, if you're waking, do not call me do not call me, waiter dear:  
For I would not see the sun rise upon the glad new year;  
For that will be (of all my days) the saddest, sorriest day.  
For bills will be calling for pay, waiter, bills will be calling for pay!

There will hardly be any war, but it is perhaps as well to keep on whitewashing the forts; for in case of Spanish come we ought to look presentable.

## This Is the Way.

This is the way  
The Christmas comes:  
We have a blast of horns  
And a blizzard of bills  
That give us the chills.  
Till we seek for a hiding place under the hills!  
This is the way  
The Christmas comes:  
And we can't beat bills  
Like we beat the drums!

Some Georgia admirer sent Mr. Cleveland a dozen ducks as a Christmas present. This is another instance of carrying coal to New Castle.

## A Lucid Explanation.

What do dat scripser mean whar hit say, "Doan let yo' lef han' know whar yo' right han' doin'?"

"Well, suh! I didn't think you was so ignorant as dat! Why, hit mean dat when you grab de turkey wid de right han', keep de lef han' in yo' pocket!"

The irrepressible Stephen Crane is now writing for the red supplements of the New York newspapers.

An exchange says Ian Maclaren "was all the rage" in America.

Yes; the people regard not a little when they had to pay \$2 to hear him.

Fine Christmas weather; but the people would be happier if it only had a little more change in it.

## Had a Short Reach.

"Dar's been a big rise in turkey." "You doan mean ter tell me dey's roostin' any higher?"

Some of the magazines have been revived and enlarged and are heavier than ever.

Patriots emigrating to Cuba should carry their ration with them, if they want to feed as well as fight.

## F. L. S.

## LARGE CROWDS CAME TO HEAR BRYAN.

The hotels and depot were crowded yesterday by the great influx of people from all over the state who came to town to see and hear Mr. Bryan last night. Prominent among the politicians and public men began to arrive on the early trains and they were to be seen on the streets and in the hotel corridors during the day.

It is doubtful if any other man in private life could draw such a crowd as came to Atlanta yesterday to see Mr. Bryan and his name was on the lips of thousands of people from morning until night. The center of attraction was the hotel where Mr. Kimball, and the corridors were crowded all day by persons who hoped to catch a glimpse of the great orator. The distinguished visitor was seen several times during the day and his personality and public life were subjects of conversation.

"The coming of Mr. Bryan was a great boost for the railroad," said a prominent passenger agent of one of the big lines. "Every line entering the city brought big crowds of people, who came to see and hear Mr. Bryan and make Christmas purchases while here. The lecture of the Nebraska was advertised more extensively than any circus and many fine people to Atlanta who would have remained at home and made their Christmas purchases there but for the expectation that they would get to see the ex-secondary of the world. My statement is borne out by the fact that hundreds of faces seen in the Kimball today are those of out-of-town citizens, many of whom have been in the corridors for hours to get a look at the man who thrilled the country by his fiery eloquence."

"Yes, I decided to remain over until after Christmas and hear Mr. Bryan's lecture to-night," said Hon. C. C. Thomas, representative in the house from Wayne county, and one of the leading young lawyers of his section of the state. "I could not think of missing the opportunity to see and hear the great speaker and orator and I feel confident that I shall be glad to decide to remain over after adjournment of the general assembly."

Hon. L. V. Livingston, representative in congress from this district, came in yesterday morning and stayed at the Kimball. He was greeted by his many friends and admirers and he was surrounded by a crowd during the day, many of whom questioned him about the prospects of the Cuban recognition and the state of affairs at Washington. The colonel stopped over to hear Mr. Bryan and he will be in the city for several days home this morning to spend Christmas with his family and friends. Congress has adjourned for the holidays and Colonel Livingston came down with a party of southwestern congressmen and senators who passed through the city yesterday.

Mr. Louise Myrick came up from America yesterday to hear the lecture of Mr. Bryan last night. She was joined in the afternoon by her son, Mr. Shelby Myrick, who came over from Athens for the same purpose.

Mr. Myrick is an admirer of the Nebraska. She has known him for several years, and Mr. Bryan has been a personal acquaintance in a pleasant way yesterday. Mr. Myrick will return tonight.

Judge W. H. Fish, of America, one of the newly elected judges of the state supreme court, came up yesterday morning and put his name on the Kimball register for the day and night. He, of course, joined the newly elected judges of the state supreme court, and he is one of the leading lawyers and best equipped judges in the state.

Hon. Z. A. Littlejohn, of Dooly county, who was elected judge of the southwestern circuit to succeed Judge Fish, is in the city and is stopping at the Kimball.

Hon. Price Gilbert, the ever-popular mayor of Columbus, came up yesterday and spent the day sharing hands with friends at the Aragon and in the city.

Hon. James L. Boynton, of Calhoun county, representative from that county, is in the city.

Colonel W. L. Peck, the populist leader, who was elected to the Kimball yesterday, he said he came up to hear Mr. Bryan.

## MR. BRYAN AND THE CURIOUS PUBLIC.

Mr. Bryan stole a march on the "curious" to-night yesterday. In consequence there are people in Atlanta today who feel that they have a just personal grievance to air. Aside from the fact that he was not a native of this city, who, prompted solely by motives of admiration and esteem, were anxious to shake the hand of the eminent politician and pass on with a word of respectful praise, "a hostile world," others who would fain have given Mr. Bryan the benefit of their vast (theoretical) experience and what not. The motives prompting these people it would be hard to discern, save those of vulgar curiosity and desire to pander to their empty vanity. Perhaps these persons are one of that class who upon hearing of Mr. Bryan's lecture tour and the terms thereof, cried out in envious tones: "Where! Fifty thousand dollars for fifty lectures! Why, that's just like getting money from home!" And then they pictured themselves addressing large multitudes of people in oratorical pearls, paid for at the rate of 10 cents a pearl or thereabouts, and sighed for the great unjustness of things. These persistent "thorns in the flesh" form one of the most disagreeable phases of the career of every great public character.

It is very likely that Mr. Bryan was actuated solely by motives of consideration in his refusal of Governor Atkinson's invitation to be his guest during his brief sojourn in Atlanta. In view of the fact that his visit here was, in the strictest sense, a business one, it is considering the unavoidable details entailing attention incident thereto, he probably felt a natural and delicate hesitation in availing himself of the governor's hospitality. Either that impression or a friend to the extent of making his home a business headquarters as would in a way be obligatory, he chose to seek a hotel where he could find a quiet room in this respect. But Mr. Bryan, in addition to being a great politician, is a diplomat, and being brave, is discreet. Therefore he decided to establish himself permanently in a hotel. Perhaps the few hours intervening between his time of rising and of departure in company with the governor yesterday morning did not tend to weaken his conviction of the propriety of his decision in part and accepted the invitation to partake of the governor's hospitality when presented in person.

In the minds of these human vultures above referred to, who, considering him a legitimate prey, had been contemplating themselves from Tuesday afternoon when it was announced that Mr. Bryan would be in the Kimball here, until the advent of The Constitution yesterday morning announcing his change of plan, this was a place of distinct affront, a direct personal insult.

Mr. Bryan received a goodly number of people during the two hours prior to his departure from the hotel yesterday morning, and although the news of his change of plan had caused many of his admirers to change their plans, yet there were several "vultures" among his early visitors. A study of these visitors and their various personalities would not have been uninteresting to an observer of human nature. While the hotel rotunda remained crowded with those anxious for even a sight of the great man, more and more persons came in from the outside, and were in no case refused admittance. It was interesting to note the various modes of greeting on the part of the different callers, while for courtesy and politeness the same cordial smile, kindly word and hearty handshake. Did an enthusiast or fanatic or "conspirator" approach with some long drawn out speech, he was met with a quiet untroubled smile, the word was spoken, and the handshake given, and before he had got out a half dozen of the words he had been brushed so carefully, he was amazed and shocked to find himself on one side, while a repetition of the action was being gone through with another.

"How was it done?" was the question he asked himself when he slowly gathered his scattered wits. So perfect is Mr. Bryan's untroubled serenity, so courteous his demeanor, and so polished his manners, that he never realizes that he is being "haunted" until he finds himself on the sidewalk, perhaps a little breathless, but otherwise unharmed.

A sensible man does not need this rebuke that the bore cannot be provoked by him. This is, perhaps, the least of Mr. Bryan's many great gifts. Thus does he rid himself of this troublesome parasite, and nothing could be so carefully as to avoid the same. Should Mr. Bryan be equally fortunate in finding a house of refuge in the shape of a governor's mansion in each city he is to visit, he would surely have cause for self-gratulation.

Verily the paths of great men are not entirely strewn with roses.

## BETWEEN TIMES WITH THE FAMOUS NEBRASKAN.

The time between the luncheon and the speech last night was most pleasantly spent by Mr. Bryan. After the luncheon in the Kimball he remained in the parlors where he received a number of callers, and an introduction. Many of those who composed the delegation to Chicago were there and chatted pleasantly with the leader, recalling the incidents of the memorable campaign.

Governor Atkinson left shortly after the luncheon. President Mallard remained with other prominent members of the democratic association. Mr. Bryan expressed a desire in the afternoon to call on Captain and Mrs. Egan P. Howell, who were his hosts when the Nebraska was in Atlanta two years ago. He was driven to West End and received cordially by Captain Howell.

During the visit Mr. Bryan asked what had become of old "Uncle Jerry," a dapper old man who had been a friend of his for twenty-five years. It was upon his former trip that he made the acquaintance of the old man, and stated yesterday that he had called to mind the name "Uncle Jerry" entertained him with his stories.

Speaking of his visit of two years ago, Mr. Bryan said yesterday: "It was at Captain Howell's house and he will be elected judge of the state supreme court. I was



## NELSON'S MOTIVE

His Lawyer Talks About the Origin of the Case.

## STOCK VALUES UNIMPAIRED

The Earning Capacity of the Atlanta and West Point Not Involved.

## STOCKHOLDERS ORDERED CHAPTER

They Held a Meeting a Year Ago and Authorized Their Attorneys to Obtain One—Railroad People Say That the Seaboard Is Back of It All.

"Individual stockholders need feel no alarm about a shrinkage in the value of their holdings," said Mr. Jack Spaulding yesterday. "If there is any stock on the market at \$5 I think that I can find a purchaser for it. The truth is, individual stock is worth more today, intrinsically, than it was before the application was made for a receiver. If this application is successful the Atlanta and West Point will be freed from the domination of the roads, and it will be worth more to its stockholders than it has been in the past or than it could be so long as this domination continues."

Messrs. King and Spaulding are counsel for Mr. Levi Nelson, who made the application for the appointment of a receiver in order that the affairs of the railroad could be wound up and the property sold to some person or company with the legal right under the constitution of Georgia to buy and hold the road.

Mr. Spaulding was asked if Mr. Nelson was acting for some one else—If there was an understanding with the Seaboard or the Southern, the Central or the Louisville and Nashville, in regard to bringing this action. In other words, was he acting as a Rowena S. Clarke or a John Doe or a Richard Roe.

"Not at all," Mr. Spaulding answered. "Mr. Nelson woke up one morning and read in The Constitution that there was a fight in the legislature over the granting of a new charter to the Atlanta and West Point railroad. He was a stockholder and probably did not know that the charter was about to expire until he read it in The Constitution. Then he concluded that he wanted to divide up, and under the laws of the state the way to do that is to obtain a receiver and have the property sold, pay its taxes and divide the balance. The shareholders of the company have equal rights under the law. If there is no provision for a renewal of the charter on the vote of three-fourths or some other prescribed number of shares, an individual stockholder has the right to demand that the affairs of the company be wound up. That is the right on which Mr. Nelson relies. There was the case of a national bank in this state. One shareholder bought out all the other shareholders except one. When the day came that the bank's charter was about to expire the large stockholder began steps to obtain a new charter for another term of years. The small stockholder said that he objected. He wanted to end the partnership and wind up the concern. He wanted his share, down to the chair in the office, and he obtained the appointment of a receiver and the banking company was dissolved."

The attorneys for the Atlanta and West Point, Messrs. Dorsey, Brewster & Howell, say that the new charter takes the place of the old one. It seems that there was a meeting of the stockholders a year ago, at which the counsel for the company were instructed to prepare a new charter and get it through the legislature. Mr. Nelson may not have been present at that meeting. It is concluded that the acquiescence of a shareholder debars him from proceeding. Many railroad people believe that the Seaboard is inspiring the fight on the West Point charter. They say that it is a renewal of the fight of last summer. Whether a receiver is appointed or not by Judge Lumpkin when the case comes up for a hearing, an appeal will probably be taken. It is likely that the case will be fought all the way to the United States supreme court. In the event that the Atlanta and West Point should be ordered sold, long litigation might be expected over the purchase. Messrs. King & Spaulding hold to the opinion that the Southern, the Central, nor the Louisville and Nashville could be a legal purchaser. Should the stage be reached the consolidations of various roads would be looked into, and judicial decisions would be sought on the legality of the combinations. Mr. Nelson appears to hold the belief that the Southern and Louisville and Nashville were trying to get control of the little road between Atlanta and West Point. The Louisville and Nashville was buying through the Georgia and the Southern was buying through the Central. At present the number of individual shareholders is not unusually large. The large block which was owned by Judge Bigby has been bought by the Central.

Of late it has appeared that the Louisville and Nashville was strengthening its holdings in the West Point road with the ultimate purpose of controlling it. Actual

control might have been secured some time during the coming year. The Louisville and Nashville was proceeding slowly. Back behind the Central, the Georgia and the other smaller roads are great financial interests, which are closely identified. This is true of the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville. The largest security holders in both companies are intimately related in a business way.

The Seaboard officials here state that they know nothing of the attack on the West Point's charter. So far as they know, the Seaboard has no hand in it, but the prevailing impression is that the Seaboard is inspiring the fight.

**RAILROAD ORDERED TO BE SOLD**  
Foreclosure of a Mortgage of Sixteen Million Dollars.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 23.—Judge E. J. Ross, of the United States court here, issued a decree of foreclosure and sale of the Atlanta and Pacific railroad in the suit of the United States Trust Company of New York, against the Atlanta and Pacific, Topeka and Santa Fe and St. Louis and San Francisco railroads, their receivers, the Mercantile Trust Company and the Boston Trust Company.

The foreclosure is for a mortgage of \$16,000,000 in bonds and nearly \$3,000,000 interest. The decree authorizes the complainant to deduct \$3,822,222 collected by it from sales of land among the landholders pro rata. It then orders the sale of the railway to be made by Owen N. Marston, special master in the case.

The sale is to be at Gallup, N. M., at the passenger station at a day and hour to be considered by Master Marston. No bid is to be considered unless accompanied by a certified check for \$100,000.

**PRESENTED WITH A PORTRAIT**  
INTERESTING INCIDENT AT A SESSION OF MAON ELKS.

Past Exalted Ruler Hughes Presents a Life-Size Oil Painting of Himself—General Macon News.

Macon, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—The Macon lodge of Elks had a very delightful entertainment last night. The principal feature of the affair was the presentation to the lodge by Hon. Dan G. Hughes, past exalted ruler, of a handsome life-size oil painting of himself. The portrait was presented in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the lodge some time ago, requesting that past exalted rulers to present portraits of themselves to the lodge. The presentation speech was made last night by Mr. Sidney P. Wiley, past exalted ruler. Mr. Hughes was present, and in response to enthusiastic applause, delivered a beautiful and appropriate oration.

**Who Will Be Clerk?**  
A very pretty contest is now on for the position of clerk of the board of county commissioners of Elks. There are five members of the new board, to-wit: Davis, Amason, Jenkins, Henry and McGee. It requires three votes to elect a clerk. It has been general opinion that Mr. Stuart Davis would certainly receive the votes of Commissioners Davis, Jenkins and Amason, which would insure his election, but there is a report current now that none of the many candidates for clerkship has been able to secure the necessary three votes.

In the meanwhile, however, Mr. Davis and his friends are confident of his election. His chances certainly appear to be brighter than those of any other candidate.

**Suit for \$15,000.**  
Some time ago John T. Noonan was hurt by a Central railroad train at the Bay street crossing. He brought suit against the Central for \$15,000 damages through his attorney, Mr. Marion Harris. The case was referred to a master in the United States court. The master found in favor of the railroad. Attorney Harris took exceptions to the master's report and today Judge Speer has been engaged in hearing arguments on the exceptions.

**HONORED LAWTON'S MEMORY.**  
Savannah Lawyers Adopt Resolutions on the General's Death.

Savannah, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—The members of the Savannah bar held a meeting today, at which Judge Falligant and Norwood presided, for the purpose of receiving a report from a committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions relating to the death of General Alexander R. Lawton. The report of the committee was made by Messrs. Walter G. Charlton, Pope Barrow, General Henry R. Jackson, his former partner, Judge Falligant and Judge Norwood. Resolutions were also adopted providing that the report of the committee be sent to the supreme court, order that they might also take action in the matter.

The report of the committee and the addresses of the gentlemen named were all elegant and eloquent panegyrics upon the well-known deceased as a diplomat, soldier and a lawyer.

**MEETING REUNITED FRIENDS.**  
North Carolinians and Virginians Meet at Southern Pines.

Southern Pines, N. C., December 23.—The reunion of wanderers from the Carolinas and Virginia, which has been held here during the past two days, has been a pleasant affair, for it has reunited many friends of former years and it marks an era of social good fellowship which will last for many years to come.

The proceedings today consisted of a series of games illustrating old sports, and a large number of guests were present. Altogether the reunion has been a marked success.

**RECTOR'S CARRIAGE WAS UPSET**  
All the Occupants Were Severely Injured.

Augusta, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—Rev. Hunter Davidson, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, on the Sand Hills, was driving in the city today when his horse ran away, upsetting the vehicle and injuring all the occupants. Mr. Davidson's injuries were serious, but no bones were broken.

Two little girls, who are visiting at the rectory for the Christmas holidays, each had an arm broken.

**WAR TALK IN GEORGIA.**  
Gwinnett Herald: Mr. Cleveland is a subhuman man, but it is hardly probable that he will attempt to thwart the will of the country in this emergency. When this is done we will wait only a short time to see the result. If it brings war, let it come.

Albany Herald: State Senator Jeff Wilcox, of Coffee county, announces that he will raise a company and go to Cuba to fight for the freedom of the island. Let him remember that the "path to glory leads but to the grave."

Brunswick Evening Advertiser: If we should get into a war with Spain the government engineers would probably sink a battery on the island. Then we could all go to a crabbing down on the docks.

Rome Tribune: The United States is in position to demand that the Spanish atrocities cease in Cuba and it should be done without delay.

Calhoun Times: They are going to keep on talking about war until the first thing somebody knows the whole country is going to sleep.

Columbus Enquirer-Sun: Whether Macao is dead or alive, Spain ought to be spanked just the same.

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## CHRISTMAS CROWDS

Gay Shoppers Through the Retail Streets and Purchase Presents.

## BIGGEST RUSH OF ALL TODAY

Santa Claus Will Be Abroad Tonight and the Presents Purchased by Shoppers Will Be Distributed.

This will be the merchants' busiest day of the year. The Christmas shoppers will make their final rounds and the holiday goods men will reap in the dollars of the people.

Trade in nearly all lines of business has been unusually brisk this week and the merchants are consequently in happy mood. After a long dull season business has revived, at least temporarily, and the dealers have disposed of a great amount of goods which have been on the shelves representing an outlay, but not making profit for the owners.

Yesterday the streets were thronged with the Christmas shoppers and during the morning and afternoon hours it was nearly impossible to make progress along Whitehall and Peachtree streets without coming in contact with packages and bundles and personages with arms full of goods of all descriptions. It was a typical ante-Christmas scene on the streets and the merchants declare the traders spent their money unthinkingly.

Early in the morning the ladies and young ladies, and misses and men, and young men and boys started out on their tour of shopping, and before night thousands of hand-some things had been purchased and put away in the homes of the city ready to be a means of making happy the friends of the purchasers. And others bought everything imaginable to send away to friends in other cities, and the express and postoffice people did a big business. The impression one gained observing the moving throng on Whitehall and in the streets was that the people were happy in the thought that they would make their friends happy tomorrow, and the pushing, shoving and crowding masses jostled each other in the best of humor, seeming to take it as a matter of course that they had to be inconvenienced and pushed about.

But today will be even a better day than yesterday. Christmas Eve is always the best business day of the year with the retail trade, and the shoppers will be on the go from morning until midnight tonight. A great many people wait until the last moment to decide as to what they will buy for their friends or family, and the stores will be rushed and crowded all day.

It was a striking and interesting sight to watch the would-be purchasers on Whitehall street yesterday. Pretty young women and girls pushed their way through the jostling crowds unmindful of the unavoidable contact with other persons and each one seemed to have only one purpose in view, and that was to purchase a present for friend, relative or sweetheart—and they managed to accomplish that purpose, as could be seen by watching them come out of the stores with bundles and filled bags. It was a happy, careless crowd and the scene was an inspiring one.

The crowd was made up of people in all walks of life. The young men looking for a present for his best girl made up a considerable part of the throng. And they went from store to store with a purposeful mind and unable to decide on what to select. One of the latter class of shoppers was heard to say that he had endeavored every day of the week to select something to please his best girl, but feared that it was a problem too difficult for him. He had visited all of the big stores and had examined a thousand and one things, but found some objection to each one in his desire to make certain that it would be in accord with the taste and wish of the receiver of the gift.

"The latter day girls are too hard to please, anyhow," said the troubled youth, as he came out of a leading jewelry store and started for another.

By midnight thousands of stockings and acceptances for Santa Claus gifts will have been filled and the little folks will be dreaming of the good things they will find in full force yesterday.

And they are happy and pleased of all of course. The thoroughfare presented an animated scene and the merry pop of the firecrackers and the yell of the small boys resounded through the crowded streets, giving warning to all that Christmas is nearly here.

**YAIGHTERED BY A BICYCLIST.**  
Horse Kicks a Citizen of Rome, Breaking His Leg.

Rome, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—Last night Mr. N. F. Wright, a well-known citizen of Rome, was the victim of a very serious accident while driving through the country from Rome toward Cave Springs. A few miles from the city he was overtaken by a man on a bicycle, and as the latter passed him his horse took fright and began kicking, and Mr. Wright was thrown heavily to the ground, and a kick from the horse crushed his leg below the knee, causing a compound comminuted fracture of the limb.

Mr. Wright was brought to the city suffering intensely from his injuries, and the physicians succeeded in setting the bone, but he is still in a very critical condition from the effect of the shock. He is over sixty years of age, and his family fear that his injuries will prove fatal.

**SURPRISED BY ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
Young People of Rome Make Known Their Secret Marriage.

Rome, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—Last night a young lady well known in Rome to a large circle of friends as Miss Annie Hackney, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hackney, arrived early from Gaffney, S. C., where she has been engaged as a teacher, presumably to spend the Christmas holidays. As she alighted from the train she was met by John Coker, who introduced her to her astonished friends as his wife. They were married early in September by Rev. S. R. Bell, of this city, but they had decided to keep their marriage secret.

Mr. Coker went back to complete her term as teacher at Gaffney, and Mr. Coker, who is connected with the big wholesale house of W. H. Coker & Co., went back to his work after the short summer vacation, and no one suspected that they had been married until her arrival here last night, when the wedding was made public.

**JUMPED WITH HER CHILDREN.**  
Narrow Escape of Mrs. Mayfield at Fivola.

Fivola, Ga., December 23.—(Special).—Mrs. James Mayfield, a well-to-do farmer, had a narrow escape, while on her way to her home, which was completely destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Mayfield barely escaped in her night clothes, with her four little children, by jumping out of the window. Mr. Mayfield was badly burned about the face and head. He also had \$46 in money burned. Cause of fire, a defective fuse, no insurance.

**ROOM SET APART FOR RELICS.**  
Governor Johnston's Offer to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Montgomery, Ala., December 23.—(Special).—At the session of the legislature resolution was passed authorizing the governor to set aside for the "Cradle of the Confederacy" chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy a room in the capitol building to be used for storing relics of the war, provided there was a room available.

The governor received a formal application from the secretary of the "Cradle of the Confederacy" chapter asking him to designate the room so set apart, in which to store for safekeeping all relics and mementoes of the "lost cause."

The governor replied that every room in the capitol was now in use, but suggested to the ladies that if they would procure a glass case in which to place their relics and mementoes, neatly labeled, he would have the same placed in one of the rooms of the capitol, where it would prove attractive to visitors from other states, and inspire the patriotism of the people of this state.

"This Eccelesty, Governor Joseph F. Johnston—Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the 'Cradle of the Confederacy' chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, accept with heartfelt thanks your very generous offer of space in the capitol for all relics belonging to our chapter, and we beg to inform you that immediate steps will be taken to procure a cabinet for said relics. Believe me, dear sir, yours with great respect and cordiality, W. H. MICOI."

"Corresponding Secretary 'Cradle of the Confederacy' Chapter D. C."

It is understood that the governor will be glad for the patriotic women of the state to co-operate in making this exhibit complete. In this way these relics will preserve for many families in the state the record and mementoes of the heroism of their fathers. It will be seen that large and bulky articles cannot well be received and properly cared for. Each article should be neatly and clearly labeled and certified so that its history and identity may be preserved.

**HISTORICALS AT HUNTSVILLE.**  
"An American Girl" Played by Amateurs Tuesday Night.

Huntsville, Ala., December 23.—(Special).—"An American Girl," an interesting comedy drama, was produced by local talent at the opera house last night for the benefit of the united charities.

This was quite the event of the season. The amateur received many flattering comments and the success of the first performance has influenced them to decide upon a repetition.

**Pianos.**  
Your own GOOD SENSE and your YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ought to form a safe combination in the selection of a Piano.

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We have the goods and you want a Piano. What hinders us from making a trade?

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30 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga.

## HAD MARRIED THREE

Mrs. Beatrice Appleton Relates Romantic Story to Police.

## SHE WEDDED A SOLDIER BOY

Now Finds He Has Two Other Living Wives.

**DECEPTIVE LETTER FOUND IN HIS POCKET**  
Appleton Skipped Last Monday and His Whereabouts Is Unknown. Chief Connolly Investigating.

Mrs. Charles B. Appleton, a pretty young girl of seventeen, walked into the office of Chief Connolly at the station house yesterday afternoon and announced she had married a man who already had two other living wives. The story is romantic according to the version of the girl.

Two years ago Charles Appleton, a youth about twenty-two years of age, with bright red hair and freckled face, enlisted at Fort McPherson, and has been a bugle boy in the ranks of one of the companies ever since. Very little of his former history was known here, but his home is in Boston.

Six months ago he fell in love with Miss Beatrice McDade, a very pretty young girl who lives at 7 Louisa street, and whose father is John H. McDade, the engineer for the Dixie Lumber Company. The young soldier's love was reciprocated by the fair damsel, and in a short time they were engaged.

On the 15th of last September, Appleton and his fiancée met by previous agreement in some part of the city, and proceeding to the office of some justice of the peace were married. They then returned to her father's home, where they have been living ever since. The husband was on a furlough previous to dismissal, and worked with his father-in-law at the lumber company, assisting in firing the engine.

**A Tell-Tale Letter.**  
Last Saturday morning Appleton went to his work as usual, leaving his old coat at home for his wife to mend. He is now sorry he did not search the pockets before-hand. The young bride, when industriously plying her needle in the garment, happened to notice a letter in an inside pocket, the handwriting of which she had never seen before.

Great was her astonishment when opening the envelope she read the following: "I am in some town in Massachusetts."

"Dear Charles—It strikes me it is about time you were coming home to me and the baby. Guess your time is almost over now, and I am anxious to see you, and the other folks are, too. If you get your furlough of three months for good behavior, can't you come home a little sooner than you had intended. The folks here have been hearing some things about you which I know are not true and I want you to come home and clear things up. Your loving wife, Jennie."

"P. S.—The baby sends a kiss to papa." When Appleton returned to his wife that night he was confronted with his guilt. He made a futile attempt to deny the charge, but she placed little credence in what he said.

**Three Wives Living.**  
Last Monday morning his wife was out at the fort, where he went and drew his money. He then took the train for fields unknown—leaving no intimation of his destination with his wife. He stated at the fort, though, he was going to Texas.

Last Monday afternoon when her husband did not put in an appearance at his accustomed time, Mrs. Appleton suspected he had skipped and went to the fort in search of information.

During a conference with one of Appleton's superior officers she secured the names and addresses of two other women in the north, who claim to have been married to Appleton in former years. The unfortunate girl then realized she had been victimized and swore an eternal revenge.

Yesterday she gave Chief Connolly a good description of her truant husband, with instructions to find him if possible. If he is ever captured the fate of the girl will prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law on the charge of bigamy.

When seen yesterday afternoon, Mr. John McDade was very indignant with the way in which his daughter has been treated, and is determined to find Appleton irrespective of time or money. Chief Connolly is bending every effort to catch the fugitive and it is probable he will be successful if Appleton has not gone too far.

**Handsome Gold Spectacles.**  
A large line at A. K. Hawkes, 12 Whitehall street.

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Albums, toilet cases, manicure sets, work boxes, comb and brush sets, games, Christmas cards and booklets and hundreds of other things. Only four days of clearing sale. Come early.

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**Boys' Clothes—25 Per Cent Off.**

Boys' \$3.00 Suits and Overcoats are now.....\$2.25  
Boys' \$4.00 Suits and Overcoats are now.....\$3.00  
Boys' \$5.00 Suits and Overcoats are now.....\$3.75  
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**SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.**  
Men's Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Neckwear, Umbrellas, Canes, Hats, Half Hose and Handkerchiefs. Many other things appropriate for Christmas presents.

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## "CAP'S" CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus Visited the Atlanta Fire Companies Yesterday.

## ANNUAL RECEPTION WAS HELD

Mr. and Mrs. Joyner Entertain the Firemen with their Wives and Children.

Yesterday was Christmas to the firemen and their children, and they certainly enjoyed it as it will hardly be enjoyed by any other persons in Atlanta. In one of the houses of the city, the firemen were given a present of some sort. Old Santa Claus was there in all his glory and was not stingy with his good things. He dealt them out in a manner that greatly pleased the little ones, and his remarks were full of wit and humor.

The reception took place yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, and shortly before that time the fire apparatuses from the various houses No. 1. All the firemen were present, as were their wives and little ones. A unique invitation had been sent to the family of every fireman, and it read as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Joyner have received notice that Santa Claus will arrive at their residence in his new ship on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, at 8 o'clock p. m., and they would be pleased to have their little friends of the fire department present on that occasion. You must come."

The apparatus which usually stay in engine house No. 1 were removed and the way made clear for old Santa. In one of the long halls the children and their friends gathered to watch for his arrival. There was the sea, and the dock, with the gangway leading to the place where the ship would drop anchor.

The children had not long to wait, for promptly at 8 o'clock, with a blowing of whistles, the good new ship came in sight, with Santa Claus standing amidst, smiling and bowing to the children. Never before did a ship come into harbor amidst such a shout from young Atlanta. The little ones went wild with joy and happiness.

The ship sailed lightly to the landing and there stopped. It was loaded with toys till it sank far below the water line. Toys of all sorts and descriptions were piled high upon it, and there was hardly room for Santa Claus to stand. Even the walls were covered with toys. On them hung dolls and drums and everything that reminds one of Santa Claus.

Then the distribution of presents began. Every child present was given something to remind him of the fact that Santa Claus was here. All the afternoon the children remained at the engine house the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, and it was late in the afternoon before they were ready to go home.

This is the first time that a Santa Claus ship has ever been seen in Atlanta. It was a great deal prettier than a Christmas tree and the children enjoyed it more. The affair was one of the prettiest and most successful of the entire Christmas season, and the manner in which it was arranged was beautiful.

## A TOUCHING TRIBUTE

Dr. Willis Westmoreland Is Not Forgotten by One of his Patients.

A touching tribute has been paid Dr. Willis Westmoreland, who died several years ago, by a young lady now teaching school in a district.

At one time this young lady was an invalid and was treated by Dr. Westmoreland. He promised her that if she recovered her health, she would place flowers to his grave. She has ever been careful to him and such flowers are sent to his grave.

Since she has been away from Atlanta she has sent money to friends here, with the request that they buy flowers and place on his grave.

This year she sends the money to Dr. B. M. Woolley, with the request that he buy some flowers and place them on Dr. Westmoreland's grave on Christmas day. With the money she sends a beautiful letter, and one that is very appropriate. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Woolley—Enclosed I send you a postoffice money order for \$1.00. Will you do me the favor to go out to Westview cemetery on Christmas day and put some flowers on Dr. Willis F. Westmoreland's grave?"

"Last Christmas I put flowers there myself, and last spring I did so again. I had a friend to put some there for me on Easter Sunday. When I last heard from my friend she expected to move, and as I am not certain of her address I venture to make this request of you, knowing that you, too, loved him and must cherish his memory."

"Please pay your car fare out there and back, and with the remainder of the money get some pretty white flowers from the post office and put them on his grave for me."

"As long as I keep able to work I shall have flowers put there every Christmas and Easter. I only wish I could erect a monument to his memory, but I am too poor to suffer in suffering, humbly never."

"I presume you know which is his grave. If not, the sexton can tell you. It is on Laurel hill, and I think the number of the lot is 41."

"When I hear from you I'll write you something of my experience and how I saw you a year ago. I am still teaching."

## FUNERAL WAS POSTPONED.

Train with Remains of Jack Johnson, Jr., Was Delayed—Funeral Today.

The funeral of little Jack Johnson, who died a few days ago at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Johnson, in Birmingham, Ala., will occur this morning at 9 o'clock from the depot. The remains were to have arrived yesterday morning at 11:30 and the funeral was to have taken place immediately, but owing to the fact that the train was delayed, a postponement was necessary. The remains will be taken from the train at 9 o'clock this morning and taken to Oakland cemetery, at which place the funeral services and interment will occur.

## BOTH SPARRED FOR POINTS.

Justice Fouts Bound Over Two Amateur Pugilists.

J. S. Fouts and James Hughes, two white men, were yesterday bound over to the city criminal court by Justice Fouts on the charge of assault and battery. A peculiar feature of the case was that the men swore out warrants against each other, and each committed the assault and battery on the other. It seems that the two men met a few days ago and after a time spent in pleasant talk they began to dispute over some matter that did not develop at the trial.

From hot words they came to blows, but were soon separated and went their different ways. The matter did not end here, however, for Hughes' wife before Justice Fouts and swore out a warrant charging

Poss with assault and battery. As soon as this action reached the ears of Fouts, he went before the same justice and swore out a warrant charging Hughes with the same offense.

Yesterday, after hearing all of the evidence in the two cases and after sifting the matter fully, Justice Fouts decided that they were both guilty, and accordingly bound them both over. Their bonds were fixed at \$100, which they both made.

## PAUL TRIED TO ESCAPE

He Was Soon Captured, However, and Is Now in Jail.

It is not generally known to the public at large that B. L. Paul, who was bound over about two weeks ago on the charge of cheating and swindling, made his escape before he could be placed in jail, but he was soon captured, and is now safely behind prison bars.

Paul, it will be remembered, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the Atlanta Gas Light Company. The officials of this firm allege that Paul gave them a check in payment of a debt which, when it reached the bank, the Fourth National, proved to be worthless. The check bore the name of A. B. Downing and was for \$14.50. The people at the bank said no man by that name had an account with them, and the check was therefore dishonored.

Paul was arrested and bound over on the charge of cheating and swindling, and was given by the gas company, however, and is now in jail.

Today at 12 o'clock every school in Atlanta will close its doors till the first Monday in January, at which time they will open again to begin another year's work.

At most of the schools there will be exercises of some kind in which the children will take part, their friends and parents being present as interested spectators.

The most interesting closing exercises in the city will take place this morning at the Girls' High School in Browning hall. The school will be called to order at 10 o'clock sharp, and the programme will be rendered at once.

The exercises at Browning hall, given by

the young ladies of the high school, always draw a large crowd, and are interesting as well as instructive to those who attend.

Today the young ladies will be at their best, and a programme of rare quality will be presented. The best talent of the school will assist in making the day a grand success, and there is every reason to believe that the result will be that the exercises this morning will be the most interesting Christmas exercises ever seen in Browning hall.

The programme arranged for the occasion is as follows:

Music, mandolin-guitar orchestra—Maud Menke, Mamie Woodward, Lucy Hines, Susie Hines, Augusta Garrett, Josie Brinson.

"Christmas Greeting," original poem—Written by Bessie Denson, recited by Ada Dittler, third and first grade business department.

Covered solo, "The Star"—Annie Cohen, first grade business department.

Recitation, "His Exhibition Speech"—Nellie Dooler, second grade B.

Music, "My Heart in the Highlands"—Nellie Battle, Mamie Tolbert, Louise Dooly, Mable Wright.

Recitation, "A Basket of Flowers"—Mamie Tolbert, third grade business department.

Whistling solo—Solo XIII, fourth grade Orchestra, by Gwene Back to Dixie.

Delivery of Moore medal for composition. The entire Girls' High School building has been beautifully decorated by the teachers and young ladies, and presents a genuine holiday appearance.

Holly and evergreen of all sorts are placed about in artistic profusion, and every part of the school is thoroughly decorated. The crowd that will attend this meeting of the society will be a large one, and the hall will be packed, as it always is.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All drug stores have the money if it fails to cure. See.

PULLED A WEAPON ON COOK. Burke Started To Do the Town but Was Arrested.

W. A. Burke, a white man, was bound over to the city criminal court by Justice Fouts yesterday on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. It seems that Burke and another white man, Tom Cook, started out to "do" the town a few nights ago, and they started by imbibing a little too freely of Decatur street whiskey.

After doing so they naturally felt that a fight should be the next thing in order, and not finding anybody on whom their pent-up wrath could be spent, fell to fighting each other with a revolver and threatening to shoot Cook. The latter said that this was not included in the programme of the evening, and refused to continue the case.

More than that, he had Burke arrested and later swore out a warrant for him, and the trial was set for yesterday. After hearing all of the testimony in the case, and after it had been fully demonstrated that there was no animosity existing when the warrant was sworn out, Justice Fouts bound Burke over and fixed his bond at \$100, which he succeeded in making.

Handsome Gold Spectacles. A large line at A. K. Hawkes, 12 Whitehall street.

Christmas Groceries. The purest and finest line of groceries to be found in Atlanta is at Let Jeter & Johnson's, 14 N. Broad street. Their prices are low and goods get prompt attention.

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## SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

School Children's Christmas Recess Will Commence at Noon Today.

## BROWNING HALL EXERCISES

Moore Medal Will Be Presented and an Interesting Programme Will Be Rendered by Pupils.

Today at 12 o'clock every school in Atlanta will close its doors till the first Monday in January, at which time they will open again to begin another year's work.

At most of the schools there will be exercises of some kind in which the children will take part, their friends and parents being present as interested spectators.

The most interesting closing exercises in the city will take place this morning at the Girls' High School in Browning hall. The school will be called to order at 10 o'clock sharp, and the programme will be rendered at once.

The exercises at Browning hall, given by

the young ladies of the high school, always draw a large crowd, and are interesting as well as instructive to those who attend.

Today the young ladies will be at their best, and a programme of rare quality will be presented. The best talent of the school will assist in making the day a grand success, and there is every reason to believe that the result will be that the exercises this morning will be the most interesting Christmas exercises ever seen in Browning hall.

The programme arranged for the occasion is as follows:

Music, mandolin-guitar orchestra—Maud Menke, Mamie Woodward, Lucy Hines, Susie Hines, Augusta Garrett, Josie Brinson.

"Christmas Greeting," original poem—Written by Bessie Denson, recited by Ada Dittler, third and first grade business department.

Covered solo, "The Star"—Annie Cohen, first grade business department.

Recitation, "His Exhibition Speech"—Nellie Dooler, second grade B.

Music, "My Heart in the Highlands"—Nellie Battle, Mamie Tolbert, Louise Dooly, Mable Wright.

Recitation, "A Basket of Flowers"—Mamie Tolbert, third grade business department.

Whistling solo—Solo XIII, fourth grade Orchestra, by Gwene Back to Dixie.

Delivery of Moore medal for composition. The entire Girls' High School building has been beautifully decorated by the teachers and young ladies, and presents a genuine holiday appearance.

Holly and evergreen of all sorts are placed about in artistic profusion, and every part of the school is thoroughly decorated. The crowd that will attend this meeting of the society will be a large one, and the hall will be packed, as it always is.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All drug stores have the money if it fails to cure. See.

PULLED A WEAPON ON COOK. Burke Started To Do the Town but Was Arrested.

W. A. Burke, a white man, was bound over to the city criminal court by Justice Fouts yesterday on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. It seems that Burke and another white man, Tom Cook, started out to "do" the town a few nights ago, and they started by imbibing a little too freely of Decatur street whiskey.

After doing so they naturally felt that a fight should be the next thing in order, and not finding anybody on whom their pent-up wrath could be spent, fell to fighting each other with a revolver and threatening to shoot Cook. The latter said that this was not included in the programme of the evening, and refused to continue the case.

More than that, he had Burke arrested and later swore out a warrant for him, and the trial was set for yesterday. After hearing all of the testimony in the case, and after it had been fully demonstrated that there was no animosity existing when the warrant was sworn out, Justice Fouts bound Burke over and fixed his bond at \$100, which he succeeded in making.

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Christmas Groceries. The purest and finest line of groceries to be found in Atlanta is at Let Jeter & Johnson's, 14 N. Broad street. Their prices are low and goods get prompt attention.

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## GIRLS IN STORES.

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

When the first symptoms present themselves, such as backache, pains in groins, headache, faintness, swollen feet, blues, etc., they should at once write Mrs. Pinkham.

Lyons, Mass., stating symptoms: she will tell them exactly what to do, and in the meantime they will find prompt relief in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which can be obtained from any druggist.

"MY DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am so grateful to you for what your Compound has done for me. For four years I suffered such pains from ovarian trouble, which caused dreadful weakness of the limbs, tenderness and burning pain in the groins, pain when standing or walking, and increased pain during menstruation, headache and leucorrhoea. I weighed only 93 pounds, and was advised to use your Vegetable Compound, which I did. I felt the benefit before I had taken all of one bottle. I continued using it, and it has entirely cured me. I am not now troubled with leucorrhoea for months, and now I weigh 115 pounds."

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EISEMAN & WEIL, Men's and Boys' Outfitters, 3 Whitehall Street. Open until 9 P. M. This Week.

IMPERIAL THEATER Week of Dec. 28th. FLAGG'S FEMALE MINSTRELS & BURLESQUE CO.

Gorgeous, glittering spectacular; sparkling music, pretty girls, bright up-to-date features. Matinees Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Reserved seats on sale at Harry Silverman's Saturday. dec 24-4t

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it will make a new man of you.

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cures all kidney and bladder troubles and irregularities of the system.



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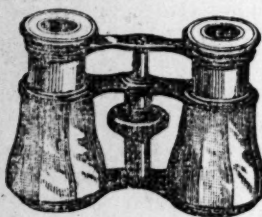


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The best is Apollo. Soft, uniform, workable. Rolled just right: no buckling: perfectly flat. The worker is at his best with it. Takes less time besides. Every sheet and part of a sheet guaranteed. Which means: Return for any defect whatever.

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We carry the largest stock of Opera Glasses in the South. Are Sole Agents for Lemaire's New Patent Lorgnette Opera Glasses. Call and let us show you what a complete line we have.

DELKIN'S,

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—AT—  
**VERY LOW RATES**

—VIA—

Atlanta and West Point R.R.

On sale December 22d to 26th, and 30th, and 31st and January 1st.

Good to Return Jan. 4, 1897

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### HOTEL GRANT ATLANTA.

Located in the business center, only three blocks from Union depot; electric cars pass the door to all parts of the city. Cuisine and dining service unequalled. A favorite with tourists and commercial men. Rates, 12 per day.

## PATIENT DOING WELL

Doctors Do Not Fear That Smallpox Will Spread.

### CUBANS TO BE VACCINATED

Board of Health Takes Active Steps and Doctors Are Supplied with Virus.

The smallpox patient at the hospital is doing about as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but the board of health all day yesterday was busy vaccinating those parties who had in any way been exposed. The doctors received a lot of fresh virus, and at once set to work among the Cubans and others who are regarded with suspicion.

There will hardly be any new developments for eight days, at least, but during that time the board will expect every precaution to keep these suspected in a state of isolation, and from the amount of fumigating and vaccinating going on it is not at all likely that the disease will appear in other portions of the city.

Atlanta's sanitary department is one of the most thorough and efficient of any city in the country, and scarcely a week passes that some one does not come here to study the system.

Mr. T. P. Sales, of Raleigh, N. C., is in the city now studying Atlanta's sanitary department with a view to adopting such features, as in his opinion will be suited to his city.

"There is one thing we are deficient in," said Chief Inspector Veal, "and that is our department of vital statistics. This is not through any deficiency in my office or in the board of health, but is the result of carelessness on the part of our physicians. The duty of every doctor who practices his profession in Atlanta is plain and well defined, and generally at the first of the year they are more or less careful in reporting cases of contagious diseases, births, etc., but after a while their reports are tardy and very unsatisfactory to the board of health."

Dr. McRae is now trying to impress on the minds of the doctors throughout the city the vital importance of a strict observance of this rule. Dr. McRae, as secretary of the board of health, has already sent out over a hundred and ninety copies of a letter to various physicians, and will complete the list in a few days.

In this letter Dr. McRae says: My Dear Doctor—On account of your many professional duties you may have forgotten during the year to report cases of contagious diseases or births to the board of health. It is impossible to obtain statistics which will be of any real value. I am very anxious that our annual report should be as complete and thorough as possible, and I am especially anxious to demonstrate the relationship of the drinking of well water to typhoid fever and other contagious diseases, etc. Yours very truly,

FLOYD W. MRAE, Secretary.

This is an important feature of the sanitary department, and should be exhaustive and accurate. It is the best index to the real health of a city, and from the statistics the physicians are enabled to fortify themselves against epidemics and the like.

### ANOTHER LARGE CROWD CUT

Conductors' Fair Was Crowded Again Last Night.

The scene at the conductors' fair was a lively one again last night. The people are beginning to realize that the fair is the proper place to buy the Christmas novelties and there is flocking there by the hundreds every night. The management of the fair have decided to keep the fair open until New Year's eve, when it will close with a special programme.

The success of the undertaking has been marvelous. The attendance has probably been better than was ever before given to a fair in this city, and the conductors feel very jubilant over its success. All of the contests have become extremely exciting, and all of the contestants are sure of success.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

### WILL BE OVER \$5,000.

Population Will Run Over That Figure by New Census.

The census work is coming to a close, and on Saturday morning the census committee, of which Mr. Hirsch is chairman, will meet in the council chamber and formally and officially accept the report of Superintendent Williams. After this the committee will go to the secretary of state's office and deliver the papers for the official signature of the secretary. The whole report will then be turned over to Postmaster Fox, and the census of 1896 completed.

The count of the last few days has not varied Mr. Williams' estimate, and the chances are that the final figure will not vary far above or below the eighty-five thousand mark.

THROAT DISEASES commence with a Cough, Cold or Sore Throat. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" give immediate relief. Sold only in boxes. Price 25 cents.

### Handsome Gold Spectacles.

A large line at A. K. Hawkes, 12 Whitehall street.

### Going West

For first-class grant and excursion rates write Fred D. Bush, district passenger agent Louisville and Nashville railroad, 302 Wall street, Atlanta.

The Newspapers Lose, You Win. We'd have to pay the newspapers hundreds of dollars to advertise our trunks if it wasn't for our \$10 trunk for \$6. Every man or woman that gets one sends in two or three friends, and that's the best kind of advertising to know of. Pocketbooks, valises and coatcases same. Holiday goods we've marked way down. See how it works. Doesn't cost us a penny more in the end, and you appreciate the dollar saved.

FOOTE'S TRUNK FACTORY.

Phone 230. 17 E. Alabama St.

### Christmas Holiday Rates.

The Southern railway will sell holiday tickets at all points within a radius of 300 miles at a rate of 2 cents per mile each way. Tickets on sale December 22d to December 26th, inclusive, and December 30th, 31st and January 1st, good for return passage until January 4, 1897.

Tickets at these rates will be sold to students holding certificates from superintendent, principal or president of the school or college, December 18th to 25th, inclusive, good for return passage until January 4, 1897.

The Southern is the short line to all points.

Ticket office corner Kimball house.

E. E. KIRBY, City Ticket Agent.

A. A. FERNON, Passenger Agent.

W. D. ALLEN, District Passenger Agent.

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## MRS. DELK'S APPEAL

Wife of Taylor and Mother of Tom Pays the Governor a Visit.

### CALLS IN HER SON'S BEHALF

General Delk, Who Is Now in the Penitentiary, May Secure a Reduction of Sentence.

Into one household in Atlanta Santa Claus and Christmas will not come this year. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Taylor Delk, the woman who has been prominently brought to the attention of the public on account of the crime of her husband and her son, called on the governor on behalf of another member of the now famous family, who has been lost sight of for several years on account of his confinement in the state penitentiary.

For quite awhile Mrs. Delk, clothed in scanty raiment, and holding her face in her hands, as if pondering over the things that have so strangely entered into her life and cast the shadow of gloom and death into her household, sat in a dark corner. Persons having business with the governor passed her by in their haste, and she sat unobserved, quietly awaiting a conference.

Nearly four years ago General Delk, a son of Taylor Delk, was convicted and sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of ten years. At a recent session of the board of pardons, it was recommended that the sentence of General Delk be shortened by five years, and it was in regard to this that Mrs. Delk wished to see the governor yesterday.

"I am not well today by a good deal," said the woman, as she sat in the executive office. "These are hard times for me and the children, for Taylor and Tom are in jail and there ain't anybody to look after us and help us get along. I've got behind again, and the house rent's due and I ain't got any money."

"The baby's ailing and sick in bed and the others ain't got any work now, so we are in a bad fix. I thought maybe the governor could tell me about General Delk's sentence. You know, but by April he will have been in there four years, and if he will get rid of five years of the sentence he will soon be out, for he will get time off for good behavior. If he could come back he could work and help us along."

As Mrs. Delk talked of her domestic troubles, she sobbed and her voice choked with emotion that swelled her bosom and brought repeated interruptions.

"Taylor Delk is an innocent man. Do you hear that? Yes, he's innocent, just as innocent as you or anybody else what ain't guilty. The good Lord knows he is innocent. I don't know what I will do if they hang him, but then, you know, if the governor was to turn Taylor loose the people would hang him. They would just lynch the man, that is what they would do."

"The Lord knows I have suffered enough, and I ain't going to live long. I've seen too much suffering and sorrow. Seems like I have suffered more than any other woman has to, but I ain't complaining, and at just asking things as they come."

### EXTRACTING GOLD FROM ORE.

A New Process Recently Devised by Californian.

From The San Francisco Call. The one great difficulty in the development of many gold fields in California and elsewhere is the want of sufficiently great water supply with which to drive the machinery necessary for extracting gold from the ore or to utilize in operating rich placer deposits. In the southern part of the state, and in Arizona, many discoveries of rich gold deposits have had to be abandoned on account of the lack of water, and many inventors, with more or less success, have exercised their ingenuity in trying to discover processes by which water could be dispensed with in extracting gold. A device invented by a Californian miner has been tested on a small scale with great success, a full-sized model of which is now being constructed by the Union Iron Works. The main feature of the invention is an iron pipe of large dimensions, which is bent into a spiral, forming a worm, each convolution of which holds a charge of quicksilver, not large enough, however, to close the passage. The ore, previously reduced to powder as fine as possible, is drawn by a current of air through the rapidly revolving pipe; the quicksilver by this means is forced into a spray which takes hold of and forms an amalgam with all particles of gold in the neighborhood. In tests at recent trials with ore-bearing sands from placers nearly every particle of gold was recovered. Tests made with the black sands from the seashore containing gold were very successful.

### A Tonic.

Horstford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. A. E. Carothers, San Antonio, Tex., says: "It is the best tonic I know of in debility and nervous prostration, with sleeplessness, caused by mental overwork or prolonged lactation."

Secure a sound mind, which seldom goes without a sound digestion, by using Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters.

### Handsome Gold Spectacles.

A large line at A. K. Hawkes, 12 Whitehall street.

### GAMES, GAMES, GAMES.

At One-Half Price.

The following is a partial list: The Spanish Main; Telika, a Game of Skill; Stanley in Africa; Kiboko; Catr; Kohli; the World's Fair Game; The Four Hundred; Royal Arabia; Cowboy for Fun; Steeple Chase; Bagatelle; Penny Post; Progressive Hop Scotch; Zimmer's Own Great Baseball Game. All goods marked at plain figures, and can be bought for one-half regular prices at John M. Miller's, 33 Marietta street.

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### The Big Excursion.

On December 22d there will be reduced rates on all the railroads coming to Atlanta. This will give the people of Georgia an opportunity to hear Bryan speak and to get their Xmas presents of the Methodist Book Company, 81 and 83 Whitehall street.

### Important Change in Schedule of Central of Georgia Railway.

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